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Trade Talks Soured By U.S.-EC Dispute

Impasse Over Agricultural Subsidies **Stymies Even Tropical Exports Pact**

By Reginald Dale

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MONTREAL - International egotiators launched a major effort Monday night to resolve an acrimonious farm trade dispute be-tween the United States and the European Community that has threatened to disrupt efforts to reform the world trading system.
The long-running U.S.-EC con-

flict over agricultural subsidies overshadowed the opening Mon-day of the 103-nation meeting being held under the aegis of the Gen-eral Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, that was intended to inject new dynamism into the drive to free and expand world trade.

vise the Officials said a working group of pave fore 20 to 30 countries, chaired by Riand in cardo Zerbino the University cardo Zerbino, the Uruguayan minister of economy and finance, would work into the night to try to find a compromise solution to the clash between the world's two biggest agricultural traders. U.S. officials, however, warned

that a quick breakthrough was un-The agriculture dispute has been widely regarded as one of the make-or-break issues of this meet-

ing of senior trade officials. Some officials took heart from an early agreement to open markets for tropical products, such as cof-fee, tea and cocoa, which are of key importance to developing coun-

But the United States said its approval of the agreement on these products was conditional on a satisfactory resolution of the broader agricultural dispute.

Formally opening the meeting Monday morning, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney of Canada warned that the world economy stood at a

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"Either we move ahead resolute ly toward a freer and more effective multilateral trading system, or we slip backward toward more insidious forms of protectionism," he

by Foreign Minister Sosuke Uno of Japan, who said a prime objective for the talks must be "to resist protectionism in its various conporary guises."

Mr. Mulroney called on the 900 delegates to fulfill the Montreal

Kiosk

50 Die in Panic

YAOUNDE, Cameroon (AP) — A panic apparently provoked by fear that a new secondary school here was about to collapse left about 50 people dead Monday and at least 50 others injured, a U.S. Embassy official said.

Reports had been circulating that the five-story school was unsafe, sources said. Students, apparently panicked by a loud noise, rushed down an open staircase to escape. Some of the victims fell from the staircase or were trampled: others jumped out windows. Medical workers put the

preliminary death toll at 50, but a U.S. Embassy spokesman said figures as high as 150 were circulating. The school, the Institut Jean Monthe in central Yaounde, has about 10.000 students.

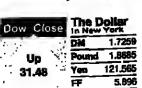


Carlos Andrés Pérez celebrating his presidential vic-

tory in Caracas. Page 2. **General News**

Residents in India's Darjeeling region wonder if an election can heal old wounds. Page 5. Britain's pet quarantine is a problem for the EC. Page 2. Business/Finance

Four U.S. companies will buy back \$5 billion of stock by exchanging shares for a new kind of security. Page 13.



meeting's purpose of reviewing and giving new impetus to the so-called Uraguay Round of world trade negotiations, which began two years ago with a target date of 1990 for

Completion.
Other officials, however, warned that the Montreal talks could end in failure because of the U.S.-EC dispute over agricultural subsidies. which, in the long run, Washington

EC officials repeated Monday their adamant rejection of such a commitment, which the 12-nation community regards as both unreal-istic and politically undesirable. Michael Duffy, Australia's minister for trade negotiations, said that delegates could leave Montreal with "absolutely nothing" if the ses is not resolved.

Mr. Duffy is chairman of the socalled Cairns Group of 13 countries that are exporters of agricul-tural products. That group, which includes Argentina, Canada, Indonesia, New Zealand and Thailand, has been trying to promote a com-promise to the U.S.-EC impasse.

Warning that the dispute could spill over into other negotiations, Mr. Duffy said, "I think we are going to have a stalemate that will sour the rest of the round."

He expressed considerable exasperation over the impasse, blaming it on the "totally intransigent" attitude of both sides.

After a meeting Sunday night with Richard E. Lyng the U.S. Sec-retary of agriculture. Willy De Clercq, the chief negotiator for the European Community, said the attempt to solve the long-running farm dispute was "even more blocked than in the past."

Still, Mr. De Clercq said that while Mr. Lyng had indicated no willingness to modify the U.S. See GATT, Page 19

By Jackson Diehl

hington Post Service

BUDAPEST - The Communist leader-

ship of Hungary appears set to embark on a program of political change calculated to match or so beyond past democratic move-

ments in Eastern Europe while avoiding

what is seen here as their critical failing:

the cruption of revolutionary momentum

Later this month, the Hungarian legisla-

ture is expected to pass the first two laws of

landmark liberties as freedom of assembly,

ckage" that, over the next although they

18 months, will bring Hungarians such sume control of the government.

Hanoi Plans to Reduce Army

And Western diplomats said that unless government plans to stimu-late economic growth were success-

ful, it would be dangerous to demo-bilize soldiers substantially because

they would swell the large numbers

of unemployed and underem-

lead to social discontent if the re-

dundant troops can't find paid

Vietnamese officials said that the

Communist Party had called for

the far-reaching changes in the mil-

Bui Tin, deputy chief editor of

Nhan Dan, the party newspaper,

said the security of Vietnam was

"to be based on the strength of the

In the first authoritative an-

vember that the army was "vigor-

ously transforming itself from a

work in the civilian economy.

One diplomat said, "It could

ployed persons.

tion of South East Asian Nations economy, not on the number of

about Vietnam's announced inten-tion to withdraw troops from Cam-General Nguyen Quyet said in No-

that the party could not control.

By Michael Richardson
International Herald Tribune
HANOI — The Vietnamese

Army is expected to be reduced by

at least 300,000 personnel - nearly

25 percent of its strength — in the next few years, officials say. The reduction is an effort to save

money and focus resources on re-

viving the economy, according to Vietnamese officials and foreign

In recent interviews, the officials

said the decision to go ahead with

the phased reduction also reflected

an easing of tension between Vict-

nam and other Asian countries, in-

cluding China and Thailand, after

But some officials in the Associa-

much smaller army, as well as

bodia and Laos. The officials say

are skeptical about the plan for a soldiers.

more than a decade of hostility.

diplomats.



2 Killed in Collision of Tokyo Trains

freedom of the press, freedom of religion, independent labor unions and the right to form independent noncommunist political

Within two years, parliament and the

leaders believe will sanction a return to a

ist parties, which are already beginning to

form, will be allowed to compete with the

Communists for seats as early as 1990,

multiparty political system. Noncommun-

Communist Party are due to complete Poland.
work on a new constitution that most party

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will not be allowed

агшу."

An injured passenger being carried away following a collision between two trains Monday morning in Tokyo. Two persons were killed and 97 injured when a commuter train slammed into the rear of a train that had stopped at Higashi-Nakano station. The two 10-car trains were carrying about 800 passengers; seven cars were derailed. It was the first fatal train crash in the Tokyo area since 1962.

Hungary Plans a Controlled Move to 'Democracy'

As outlined by senior party officials, this The political offensive marks a turning

wartime body, or an army that bears many characteristics of a wartime army, into a peacetime

General Quyet is director of the army's Political Department and a

secretary of the Communist Party

Vietnam has been involved in

fighting almost continuously since

World War II, against French,

American and, most recently, Chi-

nese forces. China launched a retal-

iatory attack against Vietnam after

Vietnamese troops invaded Cam-

bodia and toppled the Khmer Rouge regime in 1979. In March, Chinese and Vietnamese forces clashed in the disjuited Spratty Is-

The Vietnamese Army is the

fifth-largest military organization in the world, after the Soviet Union, China, the United States

and India, said Carlyle A. Thayer, a

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lands in the South China Sea.

will amount to the most far-reaching politi-cal revision attempted in the Soviet bloc.

since the "Prague Spring" of 1968 in Czechoslovakia, and in many ways will surpass the 1980 Solidarity movement in

Communist leaders in Budanest have

judged that the revisionist outlook of Mikhail S. Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, and

the desperate search for new political solu-

tions in the Communist world make it

rope that once would have provoked Soviet military intervention,

possible to effect changes to Eastern Eu-

Can He Pull It Off? Coalition Gorbachev's Stakes Ruled Out

New York Times Service NEW YORK — When Mikhail S. Gorbachev first visited the United States a year ago this week, the biggest question in most Western minds was whether he was the reformer he claimed to be, or simply a totalitarian with style.

As the Soviet leader prepares for his second trip to America, Western curiosity and skepticism seem to have shifted from his intentions to his prospects: not "Does he mean it?" but "Can he pull it off?"

Mr. Gorbachev arrives Tuesday in New York, bearing, one Soviet official promised, "very interesting new ideas" to be disclosed or Wednesday in a speech at the United Nations and a hunch with President Ronald Reagan and President-elect George Bush.
In this astonishingly eventful

year of Kremlin intrigues, national-ist eruptions and economic discontents, Westerners and Soviets alike,
— and probably Mr. Gorbachev himself — have come to grasp bet-ter the magnitude of what the Soviet leader is up to, and what he is up

Only half in jest, Stephen Sestanwich, director of Soviet Studies at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, calls Mr. Gorbachev's perilous sit-uation "Weimar Russia," alluding to the period of political moderation and economic crisis in Germany that gave way to the Third

The joke would evoke dark laughter in the parlors of Moscow intellectuals. For many of Mr. Gorbachev's admirers, cuphoria has given way to pess

And yet, this has also been a year in which Mr. Gorbachev's program has begin, in small but unmistak-able ways, to take hold where it matters most, in the thinking and behavior of ordinary Soviet people. Few imagine that Mr. Gorbachev's revolution-from-the-top is now widely popular, let alone irre-

point for Hungary, which for 20 years has pioneered a reorganization of traditional

socialist economics with the market-orient-

ed tools of capitalism but has been slower

to embrace Western democratic forms. The

leadership also has undertaken major eco-

nomic initiatives this fall to expand private

enterprise and foreign investment, includ-

ing creation of a stock market. But the

democracy package has made political

Despite this shift, the Communist lead-

action Thursday, made several demands, including the retire-ment of the army chief of staff,

General José Dante Caridi, re-

lease of former top military of-

ficers serving sentences for kill-

ings and tortures committed by the 1976-83 military govern-ment, and general vindica-

tion" of the armed forces for

their behavior during that era.

uprising — the third he has faced in less than two years —

had been settled without con-

But two leading members of the opposition Peronist Party said they doubted that was the

Senator Eduardo Menem,

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cessions by the government.

President AlfonsIn said the

change the country's primary focus.

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Argentine Insurgents

Continue to Hold Out

By Shirley Christian

New York Times Service
BUENOS AIRES — Rebel

Argentine soldiers led by Colo-nel Mohamed Ali Seineldin

continued to occupy a subur-ban army base Monday even though President Raul Alfonsin

and military leaders announced

the end of the uprising Sunday

might.
Military suthorities said

what was occurring was "the slow task of inventory" of the weapons arsenal. But there

were indications that Colonel

Seineldin and his 400 backers

were waiting for the army lead-ership or the government to take tome promised — al-

though publicly unrevealed -

step. The rebels, who began their

versible. But Soviet citizens seem increasingly convinced that the genie is not going back in the bottle.

Mr. Gorbachev's aim is to preserve his country's status as a major. serve his country's status as a major

power by stopping its steady eco-nomic decline relative to the West. The problem, as he has recognized from early on, is only partly the cruel, corrupt, and inefficient system he inherited from Stalin and

Leonid I. Brezhnev. It also lies in a popular psychology that has changed little since the czars ruled peasant Russia.

It is a conservative mentality, accustomed to complying with strong

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central authority, egalitarian in the extreme, respectful of tradition and intolerant of rival opinions. The Western concept of citizen

rights and responsibilities, never took root in Russia. To these instincts, seven decades of Soviet power have added a strong streak of cymicism and apa-

ship, with its respect for individual

Mr. Gorbachev, therefore, is try-ing to fast-forward Russia through the Renaissance and the Enlightenment, and build a political culture that prizes initiative, individual responsibility and law over forced discipline and mindless equality.

The past year has made it dramatically clear that the Soviet leader faces dangerous opposition on both flanks.

The conservative resistance includes comfortable bureaucrats loathe to give up their power and

It includes the more active oppo-See GORBACHEV, Page 6

Russia Tells Republics to **Halt Firings**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches MOSCOW - Soviet leaders said Monday that large numbers of people to Armenia and Azerbaijan were being dismissed from their jobs on entitic grounds, and they ordered an immediate halt to the

A sharply worded statement signed by President Mikhail S. Gorbachev and Prime Minister Nikolai I. Ryzhkov threatened criminal penalties and expulsion from the party for those promoting what

on race or nationality. The statement, read on televis and issued by the Communist Party Central Committee and the govern-ment, said that some party leaders and government officials in the two ublics had been directly involved in "rude violations of constitutional rights" in dismissing people because of their ethnic background.

Soviet television said that a curfew had been relaxed in Yerevan, the capital of Armenia, but it added that troops were still patrolling the city and other areas of the republic and protecting what it called "national economic installations."

The official media have placed the oumber of refugees who have fled the violence in Azerbaijan and Armenia at more than 180,000. Most are staying with relatives, in unused apartments or in recre-

Tass said that the Komsomol, or Young Communist League, and the Central Council of Soviet Trade Unions were providing space for 24,000 children at sanatoriums and tourist facilities.

The news agency said that the children were being helped by the Soviet Children's Fund and the Sovict Red Cross and Red Crescent. The Education Ministry was or-

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Main Parties End Talks and Shamir Gets an Extension

By Joel Brinkley New York Times Service

JERUSALEM - President Chaim Herzog granted Prime Min-ister Yitzhak Shamir three more weeks to form a government Mon-

weeks to form a government Mon-day as the leaders of Labor and Likud angrily said they were clos-ing the door on further discussions of a unity government.

"I have already invited them, and they have refused to join my government," Mr. Shamir, the Li-kud bloc leader, said of the Labor Party on Monday afternoon. "I will not do more." not do more."

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, the Labor Party leader, said, "We will continue to serve the nation and its needs in the opposition, which will serve as an alternative and will combine peace and securi-

Under Israeli law, Mr. Shamir was given 21 days to form a government following inconclusive elections on Nov. 1.

He failed, but under the law was entitled to an extension.

ment comorning Librar With Tex gious and extreme-right parties within days. But the competing and conflicting demands of the smaller parties make that uncertain. Liked officials spent more than

five hours on Monday negotiating with National Religious Party representatives. Although this party pledged its support to Liknd at the outset and is the only religious party that has not wavered since then, the two sides still were unable to settle on a coalition agreement because the party has made demands Likud was unwilling to meet.
Likud ministers also were rebel-

ling over the promises made to Agudat Israel, the Othodox party that left Liknd to sign a coalition agreement with Labor last week but then reversed course on Sunday, agreeing to negotiate with Li-

kud once again.

Five senior Liloud ministers, in-chuding Moshe Arens and David Levy, refused to sign Likud's written promises to Agndat Israel.

They were upset, they said, that Likud had hastily committed itself to more than it should have, partic-ulady a promise to change the legal definition of who is a Jew within six weeks. Other Liknd legislators said change, if it came to a vote.

Even if those problems were resolved, no one in Likud expressed happiness with the government that would result.
"I hate this small coalition we

are going to form," a senior aide to Mr. Shamir said. "I just hate it, but there's no choice now." Last week the Labor Party central bureau voted to discontinue coalition discussions with Likud.

As he gave Mr. Shamir an extension on Monday, Mr. Herzog spoke out, saying: "The state needs a wide coalition government. We need a stable government so that we'll be able to deal with the challenges and dangers before us. I see the problem as a moral one, not a political one, and my conscience compels me especially at this moment to make these remarks."

As the Labor Party prepared itself to go into opposition again after a dalliance last week with the religious parties, there were bitter recriminations among Labor's se-After Mr. Peres and several other

party leaders signed a coalition agreement last week with Agudat Israel, others in the party protested. At one point a document surfaced See ISRAEL, Page 6

Bush's Spontaneity Heralds a More Casual Style at the White House

By Maureen Dowd New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - President-elect George Bush ordered some buttered pop-corn. The vice president-elect, Dan Quayle, ordered some with extra butter.

Barbara Bush stood at the refreshment stand in the movie lobby and stuck straws in two large soft drinks. As Mr. Bush grinned and munched on handfuls of popcorn, Mari-lyn Quayle told about the time her younger son spilled popcom all over his lap while watching the film "Ghostbusters."

A typical relaxed Saturday night at the movies with a couple of Washington bureaucrats and their families? Not exactly. The Secret Service, after all, had been checking the cracks in the theater wall and rooting around in the Raisinettes and Jujy Fruits, and there were metal detectors set up near the

But the scene over the weekend, at a theater complex in a residential area of northwest Washington, was a highly unusual one of a 64-year-old head of state, Mr. Bush loves that could augur a strikingly different presidential style in the Bush administration.

The president-elect loves meeting new peo-Although everyone agrees that Mr. Bush will be more restricted when he becomes

president next month, he has made it clear that he intends to maintain his unpredictable

and casual style as much as possible. Indeed,

Bush aides said, the presidential Secret Service detail has already been put on notice that Mr. Bush will have a manner quite different from that of President Ronald Reagan. "He recognizes that there will be some constraints," a Bush aide said. "But he also thinks that all that stuff's overdone, and he

For the last eight years, Mr. Reagan has been a formal and distant presence in the nation's capital. When he is not entertaining world leaders at the White House or attending elegant private dinner parties, the president can be found in the residential quarters with his wife Nancy, dining quietly or catching a television program or an old movie.
Although Washingtonians are accustomed to the whoseh of motorcades passing, they are not accustomed to seeing the Reagans out

and about town. Now comes Mr. Bush, who relishes spontaneity. With energy and spirits more reminis-cent of the student that he once was than that to get out, run around, pop up and drop by.

The president-elect loves meeting new people and socializing with old friends. He likes to bound off during the day for jogging or tennis, go out at night to Mexican, Chinese, Their and Italian metauration the city and

Thai and Italian restaurants in the city and

Let it be remembered that when Mikhail S.

Garbachev decided to suddenly hop out of the limousine at a downtown corner during his visit to Washington last December — sending the KGB and Secret Service into a panic and his motorcade slamming into reverse — there was someone in the back seat egging him on: George Bush.

Mr. Bush likes to pick up the phone himself and arrange things — telling the Reverend Jesse L. Jackson on a Toesday to come to hanch on Wednesday, calling his friend and adviser Pete Teeley on a Saturday morning and suggesting they grab a bite that night.

"If George Bush has a free day," an aide said, "he manufactures things that involve people. The idea of spending a day alone I don't think would ever occur to him. It would be punishment of some kind." Mrs. Bush tells friends of her husband's

proclivity for invitations that mushroom: "I go to the store to buy dinner for 10 or 12people," she says, "and come home and find that he's invited 36." Jerry Parr, a retired chief of the White House Secret Service detail who now operates

his own Washington consulting firm, said See BUSH, Page 6



When questions from journalists draw the full attention of President-cleri George Bush.

By Richard M. Weintraub

Washington Past Service
1SLAMABAD, Pakistan — Leaders of the anti-Soviet Afghan alliance ended a round of talks with Soviet negotiators Monday in Saudi Arabia, sources said, apparently in agreement to continue discussions on issues including a possible administration for Kabul following the withdrawal of Soviet troops.

Another round of discussions, perhaps in Pakistan, may follow within two weeks, diplomats said.

The talks mark the first implicit Soviet recognition of the Peshawarbased anti-Soviet Afghan alliance, or mujahidin, since Moscow sent its forces into Kabul in 1979. They opened the way for a possible political resolution of the Afghan leadership question, sources said.

The talks in Saudi Arabia were expected to continue until Tuesday, but diplomats said that the Soviet negotiator, Ambassador Yuli M. Vorontsov, indicated that he wanted to wind up the meetings to give him time to meet Mikhail S. Gorbachev before the Soviet leader went to New York. Mr. Gorbachev is scheduled to address the United Nations General Assembly on Wednesday and later hold talks with President Ronald Reagan and President-elect George Bush.

Several broad areas were dis-cussed in the first round of talks, which was mostly given over to explanation of positions and setting of agendas, the sources said.
These included:

Arrangements for a transition administration in Kabul.

Safe conduct for departing So-

 Prisoner exchanges, war reparations and an understanding that no major cities would be attacked while Soviet forces still were in the

While final reports on the talks were not available, the Russians, in addition to pressing for conditions of safe withdrawal, were believed to have made the case for inclusion of representatives of the present Kabul regime in future arrangements. Diplomats seemed convinced, however, that this was only an opening position.

The Kabul government said Sun-

Denmark Aids Mozambique

MAPUTO, Mozambique Denmark has pledged to give Mozambique \$35.8 million next year for development projects, the offi-cial AIM news agency said.

By Clyde Haberman

New York Times Service

a bump on the head, the judge was saying,

yet the case has dragged on for nearly a

He was speaking of an Italian who had

had the misfortune of having a ladder fall on

his bead while riding the national railroad.

The injury was minor, the judge said, but the

passenger sucd anyway.
That was in 1980, The lawsuit did not go to

trial until 1983. It took four more years for

the case to he thrown out on lack of merit.

Three months ago, the passenger filed an appeal, and now this judge has it on his

calendar. He figures he may have his ruling

There simply are not enough assistants

around for him to move any faster, he said as

he surveyed the paper mountain that forms

his backlog of cases. "Twe been in this busi-

ness for 40 years," he said, "and nothing has

Still, while it is routine to complain that Italian justice is not so much blind as lame,

judges and prosecutors are taking initiatives

to persuade the government to rescue an

overburdened system they regard as teeter-

ing toward collapse. They recently threat-

ened to strike unless they won concessions.

Strikes are nothing new in Italy, not even for judges, who have walked off the job or

ready by 1992.

changed since I started."

ROME - It was really nothing more than

day that it welcomed the talks. There were other reports from Kabul, however, that the talks came as

a surprise Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan said that her advisers were certain that the Soviets would withdraw their forces by the Feb. 15 deadline and that a new administration would be in place by the time of the withdrawal

Pakistani officials are believed to have been in close contact with the Russians in recent weeks, both directly and indirectly. The talks in Saudi Arabia represent what many observers believe to be the start of a rapid series of political, diplomatic and possibly military moves that will mark the final days of the Soviet presence in Afghanistan.

While the rebel position at the talks originally had been portrayed as one of "listening and not talk-ing." they are believed to have outlined broad themes for a transition al administration from the Sovietsupported government by the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan to one more amenable to



BACK WHERE IT ALL BEGAN - President Fidel Castro of Cuba examining photos during the inauguration of a Museum of Mexican-Cuban Friendship at Tuxpan, Mexico. Thirty-two years ago, Mr. Castro and a band of 82 followers launched an invasion of Cuba from Tuxpan, sailing aboard a 38-foot (11.5-meter) yacht named Granma. He remembers the voyage as "universal seasickness."

U.K. Barks at EC Over Pet Quarantine

By Warren Getler ional Herald Tribune

LONDON - Britain's mandatory sixmonth animal quarantine, designed to keep this island free of rabies, is an institution loathed hy arriving pet owners.

Despite the European Community commitment to establish a single, barrier-free market by the end of 1992, British quarantine regulations are not expected to disappear by then, or anytime soon thereafter.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher insists that certain frontier controls be maintained, particularly those designed to block entry of illicit drugs, terrorists, arms and animals that

could be carrying such contagions as rabies. She made this point strongly at the EC summit meeting in Rhodes, Greece, last weekend, arguing for continuing customs checks at a time when other EC leaders are

The Single European Act, the legal founda-tion for the single European market, man-dates that EC members shall "form an area without frontiers in which the free movement of goods, persons and services is ensured" by Dec. 31, 1992. Dogs and cats are not given special protection.

Norman Tebbit, a Conservative Party minister of Parliament and a staunch supporter of Mrs. Thatcher, said in a recent television interview that Britain had "the right to block

off at the border" anything that threated the those in Britain. fabrie of society. A Ministry of Agriculture pamphlet on

rables control puts the message bluntly: There is no room for complacency." But for arriving pet lovers, the idea of having to part with their animals is repugnant. About 100 arrivals every year engage in

attempts - some bold, some ingenious, some silly - to evade control. They risk a maximum penalty of a year's imprisonment and an unlimited fine. Last year, the police intercepted 26 illegal

landings of dogs and 25 of cats, according to the Ministry of Agriculture, which issued 5,250 import licenses for dogs and nearly 3,000 for cats in 1987. Enforcement of the import laws is expected

to become more rigorous with the planned completion in 1993 of the Channel tunnel, which will link Britain and France by rail. Rabies is a viral infection of the central nervous system and its effects are normally

fatal. For human beings, however, a series of

painful injections, promptly administered af-ter contagion, often will halt the disease. In Continental Europe, there have been numerous cases of rabies among carnivorous wildlife, particularly foxes, but few among

household pers. Turkey is the only European country to have experienced significant rabies outhreaks among domestic dogs. On the Continent, animal quarantine laws

Justice in Italy Is Blind and Lame, and Oh So Halt

Ortega Cancels

Visit to the UN

The Associated Press

MEXICO CITY - Presi-

deni Daniel Ortega Saavedra of Nicaragua said Monday that he would not go to the

United Nations this week be-

cause the United States failed

to issue enough visas for his party and imposed unaccept-

able restrictions on his stay.

"I cannot accept these

rules," Mr. Ortega said. "The

United States cannot decide

when, how and with whom a

chief of state can visit" on a

He complained that the

United States refused to issue

visas for half his party and for

Nicaraguan journalists who

wanted to accompany him. He

also said the United States

limited his travels to four bor-

oughs of New York City,

which would prevent him from

visiting the home of the Nica-

raguan ambassador to the

United Nations, who lives out-

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In Britain, no case of rabies outside of quarantine has been reported since 1970, according to the ministry. Most farm animals, including horses, are exempted from rabies

But incoming domestic pets are kept in quarantine for six months. According to official statistics, there were 4,138 cubicles in Britain for imported dogs and cats as of the beginning of 1988. In recent years, only one import, a dog from the United States, was confirmed to have rabies.

During that six-month incarceration, a period determined by veterinary officials as the incubation time for rabies, imported animals

Appeals for clemency are ignored and bribes are scoffed at. And no official pays attention to dissenting expert veterinary ad-vice from abroad, which suggests that five to six weeks is a more realistic incubation period

Pet owners are allowed to visit the quarantine kennels, but usually only once or twice a week. The expense for the owner, not includ-ing the cost of travel to one of 70 authorized quarantine kennels in Britain, normally ex-

Sometimes, the detention proves too much for the animals. Last year, for example, 64 dogs and 43 cats died in British quarantine. So did a lion, a mongoose and a hamster,

WORLD BRIEFS

New Leader

Sets Mideast

CARACAS — The president-elect of Venezuela, Carlos Andrés

Perez, who won a sweeping victory in the election Sunday, said Mon-

restore democracy in Panama.

the debt problem." Mr. Perez said.

express my desire to soon tackle

Interviewed on television earlier

in the day, Mr. Perez said be would

travel to Kuwait for a three-day

meeting on Third World coopera-

He said he would meet heads of

state from Arab countries in the

Gulf to lay the groundwork for a meeting of the Organization of Pe-

Venezuela, a founding member of OPEC, is one of the world's top

eight oil exporters.

As president of Venezuela from

1974 to 1979, Mr. Perez national-

ized the country's oil and iron in-

dustries and ruled during an oil

boom that gave Venezuela the highest living standard in Latin

On Sunday, he easily defeated

his closest election rival, Eduardo Fernández. He had been heavily

favored to win the vote, the sevent

since democracy was established in

Mr. Perez's victory, over Mr.

Fernández, 48, a member of the conservative COPEI Party, and 22

candidates of smaller parties, had

been widely expected.

Three hours after the polls closed

Sunday, Mr. Fernández, a lawyer,

conceded defeat. On Monday, the returns showed him with 38.6 per-

cent of the vote, against 51.4 per-

cent for Mr. Perez. The rest of the

The 8 million voters in this na-

tion of 19 million also elected 180

deputies and 42 senators for the

National Congress, which com-prises the Senate and the Chamber

of Deputies. Some polls have sug-gested that ticket-splitting could

leave Mr. Pérez's Democratic Ac-

tion Party without a majority in the

Mr. Pérez, 66, who began prepar

ing his return to office when he

stepped down in 1979, will succeed

President Jaime Lusinchi on Feb.

Mr. Pérez wait ont two five-year

terms before again seeking the

presidency. The same provision

harred Mr. Lusinehi from running

During Mr. Pérez's first term,

from 1974 to 1979, he presided over

the nationalization of the oil and

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While out of office, Mr. Perez

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In Caracas

Oil Talks

2 Car Bombs Explode in Lebanon

BEIRUT (AP) — Car bombs exploded Monday near Syrian Army checkpoints here and in the Bekaa valley, killing one person and injuring at least six other civilians, police said.

at least six other civinans, ponce said.

The seven casualties occurred when a car packed with about 46 kilograms (110 pounds) of TNT exploded in front of Baydoun Hospits in West Bearut, police said. A nurse said the blast hurled most of the state of the said.

patients out of their beds. Police said they had no immediate word on casualties in a car bonds near a Syrian checkpoint in the Bekaa village of Saadnayel, 40 kilometer (25 miles) east of Beirut.

Palestinian Girl, 15, Reported Killed

day that he would soon go to the Middle East to meet Arab leaders JERUSALEM (AP) - Israeli troops shot and killed a 15-year-pid for talks on oil policy.

He also said he had begun con-Palestinian girl Monday in a clash with stone-throwing schoolgris in Gaza Strip refugee camp, witnesses and hospital officials said.

According to Arab reporters, witnesses said that soldiers opened in tacting Latin American leaders to

prepare a joint stance on the reafter dozens of pupils at the Shati refugee camp threw stones at the troops. One girl, identified as Asma Abu Obadah, died of a bullet words to the head, said officials at Shifa Hospital in nearby Gaza Constitution of the head. gion's foreign debt, and he urged Latin America to work together to Only through concerted action by Latin America can we confront

military spokesman said the army was checking the report.

The girl is the 319th Palestinian reported killed in the Arab uprathat began almost a year ago, on Dec. 8. Most were killed by any gunfire. Eleven Israelis also have been killed. "I have taken the opportunity to speak by telephone with some of my friends who are presidents to

Hungarian Mission Opens in Seoul

SEOUL (Combined Dispatches) — A Hungarian diplomat arment Monday to open the first Communist-bloc mission in Seoul since Korps was divided in 1948.

Sandor Etre, 47, a former ambassador to North Korea, will have Sandor Etre, 4/, a former ambassador to North Korea, will have ambassadorial status and the mission will be accorded many of the same diplomatic privileges as an embassy, officials said. Hungary and Souri Korea reached agreement in September to exchange permanent missions. Seoul established its Budapest mission in late October.

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trade offices with Yugoslavia and Hungary and has signed trade part with Poland and Bulgaria.

Yugoslav Party Maintains Ouster of 2

BELGRADE (Reuters) — The Communist Party in the troubled province of Kosovo decided Mouday against the reinstatement of two ethnic Albanian leaders who were removed after being accessed by Belgrade anthorities of being soft on separatists.

The official news agency Tanjug said the 95-member provincial party, committee, in a 16-hour meeting, turned down the reinstatement of Kacusa Jasari, the former province party chief, and of Azem Vlast, a Politburo member. The removal of the two last month set off a waye of protests by ethnic Albanians in the provincial capital, Pristina. rotests by ethnic Albanians in the provincial capital, Prisuma.

The committee meeting, called to assess the demonstrations, apparent

ly gave evidence of a deep split between the Albanian majority and.
Serbian minority in the provincial party leadership. Tanjug said life,
session had been "marked by the greatest rift so far along nationality hing,
among members of the highest party forum in Kosovo." Alan Riding of The New York Times reported earlier from Cara-

For the Record

Jiri Hajek, a human rights activist who was Czechoslovak foreign minister during the 1968 Prague Spring reform period, left Monday on his first foreign trip in 20 years, a spokesman for the Austrian Socialist Parificial Mr. Hajek is to speak at a symposium in Graz, Austria de

An explosion caused by a gas leak at a date factory in eastern Algeria, killed 18 persons and injured eight others Monday, government officialisaid. The factory is located at Tolga near Biskra, 400 kilometers (240) miles) southeast of Algiers. The UN General Assembly urged the Security Council on Monday to

vote was shared by minor parties. The results did not represent all the consider without delay adopting mandatory sanctions against South.

Africa. The resolution was one of 11 dealing with the question of votes cast, but the Electoral College declared Mr. Pérez the winner after apartheid that were approved after prolonged debate. (Reuters
The sister-in-law of Prime Minister Benazir Blautto of Pakistan, Re

hana Bhutto, was sentenced in obsentia to two years imprisonment Monday by a court in Grasse, France, in connection with the mysterious death of her husband, Shahnawaz Bhutto, in Cannes in July 1985. (AFP) Richard M. Daley, 46, son of Chicago's former mayor, Richard J. Daley, entered the city's mayoralty race Monday. He was swom in to a third term as Cook County state attorney five days previously. (UPI)

TRAVEL UPDATE

A major link in the European road network, the Brussels to Luxenia and Grand Duke Jean of Luxembourg. The ceremony for the four-to say lane express highway, 188 kilometers (120 miles) long, took place at the border point of Sterpenich, Belgium.

Egypt has lifted a ban on Libyan aircraft only temporarily, to let pigning go to Sandi Arabia; it has not dropped it completely despite an in-nouncement to that effect on Sunday. The civil aviation minister, Found Sultan, said Monday: "We have given permission to only eight Libyan planes carrying Moslem pilgrims on their way to Saudi Arabia." (Restern)

He also played an active role in American politics, support-Strikes Hurt Recovery

France's economic recovery, the

head of the French Employers Association said Monday. "Companies are suffering from this action much more than is being

reported," François Périgot said on French television. "France's fragile economie recovery is being smothered by these strikes." Transportation in Paris re-

mained chaotic Monday as services on suburban train lines, buses and the Metro subway system were sharply reduced because of strikes by maintenance workers. Conservative opposition parties

signed, the accord commits South Africa to giving up South-West Af-rica, with everything that entails. planned to introduce a censure motion in Parliament on Tuesday to protest the minority Socialist gov-It includes an end to South Afriernment's handling of the dispute, can military bases in South-West Prime Minister Michel Rocard

Africa's Caprivi Strip, a panhandle squeezed between Botswana, Anwas expected to survive the motion.

Hirohito Survives Vascular Crisis

TOKYO — Emperor Hirohito's condition stabilized Monday night after his blood pressure fell to its lowest level since be became critically ill more than two months ago,

the low 40s early Monday, its low-est systolic level since the 87-year-

pressure has been dangerously low since September. On Nov. 8, it fell less for a sustained period can lead

PARIS — Transport strikes that have crippled Paris are threatening have crippled Paris are threatening he bas been too hard on the unions. The strikes, which prompted Mr. Rocard last week to call in 2000s

> least two Metro lines were at a standstill Monday. About 1,000 been drafted to carry commuters. Dockers and airline worker

meanwhile, have announced plan

public transportation, as exists in state television and airline service But Communist leaders, whom Mr. Rocard has accused of familia

gave in to strikers' demands. The labor dispute, which began in September, widened late last month after maintenance workers in RER depots went on suite. Those workers, members of the

seeking a 300 franc increase. The state-run RATP transport authority has offered 250 francs. The maintenance workers carrently earn 6,000 to 9,000 francs a month A state negotiator began talks Monday with all unions except fine

CGT, but there appeared to be liftle prospect of a breaktho Aides to Mr. Rocard said that he had instructed the transport an thority not to increase its wage of fer. "If we caved in to their its mands," said one side. "we'd have to give in everywhere else."

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By Peter Applehome

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U.S. Supreme Court Agrees To Study Damage Claims

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court announced Monday that it would again study the con-stitutionality of multimillion-dollar punitive damage awards, a growing phenomenon in U.S. courtrooms

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and his pledge persuaded the magistrates to suspend their strike threats. Although mundane for the most part, their

mands reflected the siege mentality that has overtaken Italian courtrooms. Courts are so short of support staff and equipment that an average civil case takes nearly nine years to crawl from the lowest tribunal to the highest court of appeals. Criminal defen-to begin serving a 16-year sentence. Officials dants routinely sit in jail for months after there told him that they could not find the courtroom. They can then languish in cells come back the next day, which he did.

for years while their cases drag on. A notorious example was the long imprisonment of four people charged in the 1969 bombing of a Milan bank that killed 17 persons; in 1986, 17 years after their arrest, they were exonerated by an appellate court.

According to expert estimates, 60 percent of the 33,500 men and women in Italian time limit for pretrial detention has expired. times in the last 16 years. But the latest

that has sparked legislative debate nationwide.

The justices agreed to decide

whether such awards, which often

far exceed actual damages, violated

a constitutional ban on excessive

In May, the high court declined

to decide the constitutionality of

very large punitive-damage awards

when it upheld on narrow, proce-

dural grounds a \$1.8 million judg-

ment against an insurance compa-ny that wrongfully rejected a \$20,000 claim.

Some states, reacting to souring

insurance rates, have imposed ceil-

ings on how much punitive-damage

money can be recovered. Now, the

court will tackle the issue in an

appeal by a Texas-based waste col-

pay \$6 million to a Vermont com-

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warning from Italy's 7,000 magistrates, a enough, many will benefit from cell-clearing judges, was enough to prod Justice Minister every two or three years.

computers. Measures to reduce the judicial once, and even fined, by the European Comwork load would follow, Mr. Vassalli said. mission of Human Rights. The system becomes bogged down on the

most prosaic matters. It is not unusual for six months to pass before clerks can get around to typing a judge's verdict; court orders, even when properly prepared, are often lost. Cuono Rea, a convicted murderer but apparently a man of his word, learned that last

April when he showed up at a Naples prison arrest before they even see the inside of a required judicial papers, and asked him to In assigning blame, many Italians look no further than the magistrates, career officers

who have civil-service protections and are answerable to no one but themselves. Public confidence in the judiciary was

shaken in the politically charged 1960s and '70s, when magistrates often used their positions to advance ideological causes. The prisons have not been convicted of augustion of the prisons have not been convicted of the prisons and every vear thousands to 1, to make judges liable for damages if recklessness or malice could be proved in the prisons and every vear thousands are convicted to 1, to make judges liable for damages if recklessness or malice could be proved in the prisons and every vear thousands. their decisions. "Basically, citizens were asked if they had faith in their judges, and resorted to rulebook slowdowns at least five And the calcified system can work to the their answer was no," said Sergio Letizia, a advantage of the guilty: If they wait long magistrate for 36 years.

term that eacompasses both prosecutors and amnesties that the government announces if recent newspaper editorials are a guide, public opinion may be shifting their way. Giuliano Vassalli to promise an immediate So slow is the process that the Italian infusion of typists, secretaries, offices and government has been criticized more than judges are prime victims of a criminal justice

But the magistrates are striking back, and

of the national budget, about \$3 billion. not changed in 15 years, although crime has risen at an annual rate of 4 percent or 5

overloading will worsen once a new penal code goes into effect next November.

Most experts praise the changes, which are signed to unclog the system and to provide better balance between prosecution and defense. Plea bargaining will be introduced, and the roles of prosecutors and judges, now overlapping, will be cleanly divided. For the canal treaties with the United overlapping, will be cleanly divided. For the States and providing military and first time, defense lawyers will be able to financial aid to the Sandinista recross-examine witnesses and introduce their hels in Nicaragua before they own evidence, instead of having to funnel

cedures, magistrates also worry that many more bearing rooms and court assistants will be needed. If the government does not provide the funds, they say, overcrowding and

New Doubts on Angola Pact

system that receives an insufficient 1 percent Magistrates note that their numbers have

percent. At a minimum, they say, 500 new judges must be appointed and judicial districts need to be redrawn. Many judges are assigned to low-crime areas, while such Mafia-ridden regions as Sicily and Calabria go

egging. A widely shared concern is that court

the 1973 surge in oil prices, Mr. Pérez channeled revenues toward and hydroelectric complexes. Latin American politics, supporting Panama's campaign for new

questions through presiding judges. While they generally applaud the new pro-

maintained a high political profile. And though Mr. Lusinchi opposed his effort to gain the nomination of their Democratic Action Party last year, Mr. Perez seized control of the party with grass-roots support.

By Christopher S. Wren

New York Times Service BRAZZAVILLE, Congo — The abrupt departure of South Africa from talks on peace in southwestern Africa appears to have thrown into doubt the readiness of the government of President Pieter W. Botha to commit itself to a withdrawal from South-West Africa, also known as Namibia, in exchange for a promised Cuban pullout from

South African officials said it was dissatisfaction with the terms for monitoring the Cubans that led Pretoria to leave the talks, which were expected to conclude with the signing of a protocol during the

But other diplomats speculated that the departure had more to do with domestic concerns, in particular the sense among white extremist groups and within the military that the accord was a political retreat. Our view is that the agreement is right there on the table," said a senior official with the U.S. delega-

tion, which had brokered the talks for the last eight months. "There isn't much left to negotiate about." "We are at the point of formal decision." he said Sunday as the remaining three delegations from Angola, Cuba, and the United States - prepared to go home. He did not accuse South Africa

of having second thoughts or show-ing lack of good faith, charges that the United States has semetimes

leveled at Angola and Cuha. But be comes at a time when Pretotia finds made it clear that "unless anybody changes their basic approach, the the pending agreement. Once agreement they're working on is within their grasp."
Foreign Minister R.F. Botha

said that he was going home to consult with the government about what he described as the latest progress in the talks. The South African cabinet is expected to meet early this week to review the few remaining issues, which include borders of three nations where verification details and the language of the protocol and final

It is absolutely not a setback," Mr. Botha said on his departure man colony that Pretoria first occufrom Brazzaville. "I have said we pied during World War L would be made progress." He justified caution by saving: "It is better to get government led by the South-West absolute clarity on outstanding matters and implications and then move forward, rather than rush into signing and then find prob-lems you should have found out South Africa has repeatedly de unhurriedly."

Several participants in the talks stressed that the negotiations had not collapsed. But the Angolan and Cuban delegations appeared suspicious over what they interpreted as a South African walkout before the protocol might have been signed. You can draw your own conclu-

sions from this move," said Venancio de Moura, a senior member of the Angolan delegation, who called South Africa's action arrogant and disrespectful.

but only after the Cubans start leaving Angola.

Soviets Hold Nuclear Test

independence to South-West Afri-

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forward more than 10 years ago -

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South-West Africa, a former Ger-

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MOSCOW -- The Soviet Union outh Africa's action arrogant and carried out an underground nucle-isrespectful. carried out an underground nucle-ar test on the island of Novaya Zemlya, Tass said.

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old emperor coughed up blood Sept. 19. He weathered substantial internal hemorrhaging before receiving emergency blood transfu-sions, officials said, adding that his blood pressure was at 113 over 50 by Monday night. It was the second time his blood

to 68 over 30 (a healthy person has a reading of about 120 over 80). A systolic pressure reading of 100 or to brain damage.

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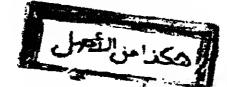
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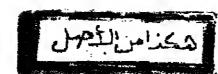
to begin striking Tuesday.

The transport minister, Michel Delebarre, said the government was considering introducing a law to maintain a minimum service in

the labor unrest, rejected Mr. Dele-barre's proposal, saying it would intrude on the right to strike. Party leader, predicted a "turbo-lent Christmas" unless Mr. Rocard

Communist-led General Confeder ation of Labor, or OGT. were joined Friday by four other unions.
The CGT has demanded a monthly pay raise of 1,000 france (\$170), while the other unions are





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Nixon Favorite: Novel in Which Writer Is Slain

> New York Times Service WASHINGTON - Former President Richard Nixon has warmly endorsed the theme of a new novel, "Patterns of Abuse - A Novel of Politics and Power," to be published early next year by Wynwood Press of New York.

The author, John H. Taylor, is Mr. Nixon's chief assistant, and the story is familiar. Mr. Nixon said that while

he lacked the time to read many novels, he had read this one and "found it to be a fascinating mystery involving the media, the White House and

international intrigue." The novel, spiced with lurid sex scenes, has a twist: The Washington Post reporter bent on uncovering the president's secret plans is killed.

The novel's president ultimately triumphs. In an afterword, the anthor expresses thanks "to RN, for his support

California, Here He Comes: It's Ex-Governor Jerry Brown!



By Jay Mathews

Washington Post Service LOS ANGELES — For six years, there were only occasional rumors and sightings: He had grown a beard. He was studying Buddhism in Japan, He had gone off to India to tend the sick and dying with Mother Teresa.

Admirers who waited patiently for the political return of former Governor Edmund Gerald Brown Jr. of California have had little more than their hopes. "Jerry" Brown, probably the best-known and most provocative California Democrat of this century, was no more revealing of his feel-ings and intentions in exile than he had been during two terms as governor.

But now, as certain as anything can ever be with one of the most unpredictable of American politicians, Mr. Brown is back and already embroiled in a political and ideological dispute that reminds many of the Jerry they once knew.

In just a few months, be has become a relentlessly active (if still undeclared) can-didate for California Democratic Party chairman. The job would have seemed beneath him when he was running for president and acquiring a reputation as a quix-otie "Governor Moonheam." philosophizing on the need for limits in modern life but failing to halt an outbreak of Mediterranean fruit flies.

But California politics is changing with

the state party apparatus powers it has not had since the turn of the century.

The political parties have been very weak, in effect anti-parties," Mr. Brown said in an interview. "The result is that power has flowed to the special interests." Mr. Brown insists that be also has

changed. In an uncharacteristically long and personal account of his last six years published last week in the Sacramento Bee, Mr. Brown said he learned "a painful truth" about his years in office. "I forgot about the basic building block of any pow-erful institution: shared effort, shared philosopby and caring, not just about political goals but about the persons right in front of

"I knew where I was going" he said, "but too often I was going there by my-

California Democrats nonetheless remain divided over Mr. Brown's motives in his first campaign since his losing race for the U.S. Senate in 1982. "One could say that Jerry Brown is engaging in a fantasy and that he is bored," said Neil Eisenberg, a San Francisco attorney also seeking the party leadership.

Rarely reluctant to put some ideological distance between himself and the party establishment, Mr. Brown waved a red cape in front of his critics by telling Sister Mary Ann Walsh of the National Catholic

"crazy" and that "we've organized society to be anti-life,"

"I think he is really off-base," said the state party vice chairman, Steve Westly, Mr. Brown's closest competitor for the top

Most observers say Mr. Brown can win a vote of the 3,000 delegates to the state convention in February. Some are enthusi-astic about what his celebrity status may do for the party.

"We have to do something different in the state," said Jim Clarke, head of the Los Angeles County democrats, "We have to remember this state since 1964 has never gone for a Democratie presidential candi-

Mr. Brown, 50, has stepped back in to the limelight sounding less like the gadfly philosopher of the 1970s and more like a political technocrat of the 1980s.

"We need a resurgent party organization, one that involves a unique partner-ship of elected officials and grass-roots activists to mobilize in every locality of the state," he said. "The Democratic Party must be able to fully utilize direct mail, telemarketing, and door-to-door contact with voters to build its financial and elec-

Two years ago, Mr. Brown was far from such earthly concerns, living a reclusive

a new campaign reform law and a rebirth
Order of grass-roots organizing that could give Teresa bas convinced him that abortion is near Tokyo, writing a book and studying Zen Buddhism

In the recent Bee article, he said, "It is a strange experience to be retired as governor of the largest state at age 44. I knew that there would be another phase in my life and that it would involve politics - so deeply ingrained that it is - but first I would have to spend several years confronting what it was I had been doing and wby it was not enough to achieve the pur-

poses I had set for myself." Mr. Brown, who once studied for the priesthood, said he "recaptured my faith" watching a "mixture of Christianity and native pre-Columbian ritual" while spending a summer in Mexico learning Spanish. In Japan, he sensed "a profound unity" beneath "the very different symbolisms of

But he seemed most moved by the four weeks he spent early this year helping tend the siek and dying of Calcutta at the House of the Pure Heart, run by Mother Teresa,

the Nobel Prize winner. He said Mother Teresa's work awakened a belief that "anything is possible." He told the Catholic News Service that it also "gave me a different perspective on the whole question of abortion" because so much effort was being made to comfort and protect individuals "with not as high a quality of life as a three-mouth fetus that is healthy and has potential."

It wasn't simply a matter of life or death. It was more important than that.

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In Texas, a World Without Oil

3 Years After the Bust, the State Regains Confidence

By Peter Applebome

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

1987 studies in Japan.

HOUSTON - For the first time since the bottom fell out of its economy three years ago, Texas is envisioning the brave new world beyond the oil bust that cost the state its financial independence and a sizable chunk of its self-es-

What it sees is a state that will probably never again be as oil-driven and insular as it was, a state that is unlikely to recreate the giddy prosperity of the 1970s any time soon. Some fear it will not be as much fun, either.

By Michael R. Gordon

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — A bruising

battle is shaping up in Congress and among military experts over the Energy Department's plan to build two costly new reactors in

different states as an urgent first

step toward revitalizing the U.S. capability to produce unclear

The fight focuses on whether

essary. Despite broad agreement that the Umted States must mod-

ernize its crippled nuclear bomb

industry, there is no consensus on

how many new plants to make ma-

terial for atomic weapons should be

built, what type should be con-structed, and how much the coun-

"It is the next big battle," a congressional aide said of the Energy

Department's two-reactor proposal to Capitol Hill. "It's going to be a

The overall problem facing the department is that its weapon pro-duction network, scattered at 17 sites in 12 states, has been disabled

by safety and environmental haz-

down for safety reasons and Ener-

gy Department documents indicate it could be six months or more

Tritium is a highly perishable gas

that is used to boost the explosive power of nuclear warheads.

place the aging reactors, Secretary of Energy John S. Herrington pro-

posed the plan in August for two tritium-producing reactors. The de-partment's estimate of the total

cost is \$6.8 billion, in current dol-

lars, and the first of the reactors to be completed would be on line around the turn of the century.

before one is restarted.

ards and by managerial failures. The most pressing specific prob-lem arising from this is the need to replace the older reactors for pro-

Debate Mounts in U.S.

On 2 N-Bomb Reactors

in real estate and finance, many analysts say Texas has come out of the bust in relatively strong shape, with a more diversified economy, a healthier sense of its limitations and the potential for extraordinary influence in Washington.

For all its recent troubles, Texas is the only state that can boast a president-elect, a speaker of the

House and at least two cabinet officers in the new administration. At the very least, the bust dragged the state into the inevitahle, if blander, age when it would no longer live and die with the

the sort of interstate skirmishing

more frequently seen over govern-

ment spending on highways and

For instance, Senator Strom

network's future includes a new tri-

tium reactor, which would employ

existing technology, in his home

producing tritium, for his home state, Idaho.

The department's proposal satis-fies both of them: First, the Savan-

nah River plant, near Aiken, South Carolina, would get a new heavy-

water reactor, the type in use there for more than 30 years; then, the Idaho National Engineering Lab-oratory, near Idaho Falls, would

get the innovative gas-cooled plant. The Energy Department main-

tains that the plan is not a conces-

contends that the nation needs tritinm reactors at different sites as protection against such contingen-

Further, the department says. the varying nature of the two plants

would serve as insurance against

future problems involving the technology or safety of either. Skeptics like Sam Nunn, the Georgia Democrat who heads the

Senate Armed Services Committee,

support the department's modern-

ization efforts in general but ques-tion whether the United States can

afford to build two tritium production plants simultaneously at a time

of other pressing military needs, renewed efforts to hold down gov-

ernment spending, and an environmental cleanup of the existing bomb manufacturing network that

will probably cost more than \$100

not publicly addressed the plan but there is nothing to indicate that he differs with Reagan administration policy, and the Bush administra-

tion will have plenty of incentive to carry on with what the Reagan ad-

partment has invested enormous

time and effort into its plan. Fur-

ther, the proposal is the only such

working plan under consideration by the government at a time when

the need to develop a new tritium

source is growing ever more urgent. That urgency stems from the

physical properties of tritium itself.

Unlike plutonium, a nuclear

bomb's other main fuel, which is

harmless belium.

tors at Savannah River.

ministration has proposed. For one thing, the Energy De-

cies as a natural disaster.

But despite immense problems petroleum riches that created most of its wealth and much of its myth.
And many feel the bust will be the dividing line between the rural, mostly white Texas of old and the urban, racially diverse state that The bust hit Texas in 1985, when

most of the rest of the country was enjoying an economic recovery. Because of declining demand and worldwide overproduction, oil prices fell by two-thirds in less than a year. Drilling stopped in many fields. A hundred thousand people lost their jobs in 1986 alone. Retail sales declined for the first time since the state began keeping records. The rate of unemployment rose from 5.2 percent in 1980 to a high of 8.9 percent in 1986.

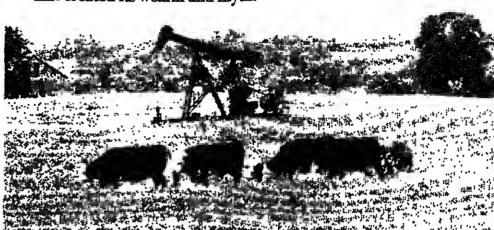
Of late, for a change, most of the news from Texas has been positive. The most dramatic development was the federal government's selection of Texas last month as the site of a \$4.4 billion atom smasher, the The debate has been political as Superconducting Super Collider, well as technological, entailing not that will be the world's largest scionly important disagreements entific instrument.

about U.S. security needs but also About the same time, the Texas state comptroller, Bob Bullock, estimated that state revenues would increase by \$4.2 billion over the next two-year budget cycle.

This helped dramatize what Thurmond's vision of the weapon economists have said for some time - that the state probably hit botstate, South Carolina. At the same wobbly recovery since then.

time, the favored project of James A. McClure, the ranking Republi-Some long-term costs of the bust are still being felt. Unemployment can on the Senate Energy and Natis 7.4 percent, well above the naural Resources Committee, is a new kind of gas-cooled reactor, also

The bust dragged the state into the inevitable, if blander, age when it would no longer live and die with the petroleum that created its wealth and myth.



Once Texas banks aspired to be great powers. Now virtually all the major banks in the state are owned outside it. The state's thrift industry, which made buge and probably uncollectable loans to real-estate and energy entrepreneurs who then went bankrupt, is a disaster awaiting federal relief. Dallas, Houston, and particularly Austin will need years to work off a glut of specula-

tive office construction. Skeptics say that with those minuses and no single powerful engine like oil to pull the economy, Texas will be a long time in even approaching its old strength.

But even at its ebb, Texas remained an economic behemoth whose strengths were probably overshadowed by the high drama

ranked among the top three states labor shortages. Its location as a in such categories as personal income, foreign trade, retail sales, manufacturing, bank deposits, agriculture and nonresidential construction.

Even then, at the bottom of the bust, its industrial output ranked ahead of all but nine nations. Thomas Plautt, chief economist

for the Texas comptroller's office, said the state had gained 95,000 jobs in the first nine months of this ports, particularly petrochemicals, has been the key element in the recovery.

Texas has other long-term advantages. Its labor force is projected to grow at 1.5 times the national

of its weaknesses. In 1986, it average at a time of anticipated Latin America is a major advan-

The Texas economy is also starting to benefit from a side effect of the hust that outsiders may find

When state and local officials try to persuade outside companies to move to Dallas or Houston, a big selling point is the bargain-base ment office prices caused by the nanced in large part by Texas savings institutions whose unpaid debts will probably have to be carried by the federal government, but the state will profit from the build-

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The speedy decay means that supplies of new tritium must be available. But the only U.S. sources of such supplies are the closed reac-

not in short supply, tritium decays at a rapid rate, by 5.5 percent a year. In so doing, it turns into

Cameras on Gorbachev

Mikhail Gorbachev loosened the gags on his people and thereby created something people a better life, he has to offer them a radically novel in the Soviet Union: public opinion. He now has to do something equally revolutionary - feed it. And that is

Soviet public opinion will be diverted by his journey, but only momentarily, for the grumbling runs deep: bad food, too little housing, too little autonomy in the Baltic states, ethnic hatreds between Armenians and Azerbaijanis, a bleak and gray life.

These two considerations, Soviet public opinion and economic weakness, will govern Mr. Gorbachev's meetings with Ronald Rea-gan and George Bush. Thus, the Soviet leader will seek to impress, not to bargain. He is not in a good position to deal. Far from testing and challenging President-elect Bush. he is likely to want to extend the atmosphere of peace and goodwill. That remains the only way he can gain the time and the resources sary for economic reconstruction.

Mr. Gorbachev is employing a stratagem familiar to American presidents: When troubled at home, seek solace — and photo opportunities - abroad. Richard Nixon offered a prototypical example with his jaunt to Egypt in 1974, as Watergate reached a crescendo. Little so impres public opinion as pictures of great leaders talking peace. Only a few weeks ago, Mr. Gorbachev made another grand trip, to India. Now he will touch down briefly in New York, then proceed to Havana and London.

The intriguing point is that he is acting as if he believes he leads a country whose public opinion requires care, feeding and diversion. And so it now does.

people a better life, he has to offer them a better show. They will see their leader at the New York Stock Exchange, the very soul of the evil capitalist empire -- some of whose just what he is doing on the grand tour that riches he implicitly promises by his pres-brings him to New York this Tuesday. tions. Advance word suggests that he intends to dazzle listeners with farsighted statesmanship on, for instance, the need for multilateral efforts to combat narcotics and to protect the global environment.

Yet showmanship and even statesman-ship should not be confused with negotiations. He knows that his hand is not strong. He has already made the lion's share of concessions in the Euromissile treaty, Afghanistan and southern Africa. He will make more, but not too fast or too obviously, and not before the Bush inauguration.

Mr. Bush has undoubtedly made it clear that he also intends to avoid bargaining. He must first assemble the players on his team, organize his policies and work with the allies. Thus this week's high-level encounters will probably be brief, pictorial and, by definition, successful. Mr. Gorbachev needs a receptive inter-

national climate so that one day soon be can confront his military and hard-liners with the necessity of cutting Soviet forces. The money and talent thereby freed are crucial to exploiting technology better and galvanizing the Soviet economy.

With these thoughts in mind, Mr. Gorbachev is about to command the world stage. An unhappy but proud people will take pride, and perhaps give their hero a little more leeway, a little more time.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

A Different Mexico

In his inaugural address, President Carlos Salinas de Gortari declared that Mexico's debt payments have become "unsustainable." He wants voluntary negotiation with the creditors, he said, rather than conflict. But he intends to see that the costs of debt service decline to allow faster growth of the Mexican economy. His critics complain that he has provided no details of his plan. But the details will depend on the response that he gets from the creditors — above all, from U.S. banks and, looking over their shoulders, the Bush administration.

During the Reagan years, the government in Washington has often seemed to treat the debts as a purely private matter between the Latins and the bankers. But this autumn the United States has been moving publicly and forcefully to demonstrate its support for Mexico. In October there was the \$3.5 billion loan to Mexico. Late last month President-elect George Bush invited Mr. Salinas to Houston for lunch and brought both the secretary of the Treasury, Nicholas Brady, and his designated secretary of state, James Baker, to the affair. These were gestures designed to assure Mexico that it has friends in Washington. The Baker plan to deal with the Latin

debts was, in essence, an offer by the rich countries to provide financing in return for fundamental internal reforms on the part of the debtor countries. Mexico has now done more - far more - to restructure its econo-

my than any other among the major debtors. The traditional Mexican system was turned inward, with heavy protection from world competition allowing favored companies to earn large profits. Much of that money went back into politics, to maintain the protection. It was a system in which a few got very rich, most stayed very poor and corruption flourished. Under President Miguel de la Madrid, whose term has just ended, Mexico has begun an extraordinary transformation. It is opening its markets to world trade. It has shut down some subsidized plants and begun to sell off some state enterprises. Blatant corruption, which rose to spectacular heights under Mr. de la Madrid's two predecessors, has sharply diminished. Mexico is building the foundation for

a strong commercial economy.

That gives the Bush administration every reason to work with Mr. Salinas in the interest of both countries. Mexico is the place for the creditors to demonstrate that, by following rational and enlightened policy, a country can reduce its debts to manageable levels while simultaneously raising the living standards of its people.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Comment

Sunday was the fourth anniversary of the world's worst industrial disaster. In the dead of that awful night, 200,000 people tried to flee the poisonous gas that entered their huts near Union Carbide's pesticide plant in Rhopal. The exact number who died that night is unknown, but it exceeded 2,000. Additional tens of thousands were seriously injured, their lungs seared, their eyes damaged, their ability to work curtailed. And they are still dying, according to government statistics, at a rate of about 400 per year.

For four long years, the Bhopal victims have waited for some relief. None has come from Union Carbide, and precious little from the Indian government. While the issues are being fought out in high-priced court battles (Union Carbide is spending more than \$7 million per year on legal fees alone) the victims suffer their illnesses and their poverty, and watch themselves and their loved ones sicken and die.

Long, unrelieved suffering is not peculiar to the victims of the Bhopal accident. It is a pattern to be found in many cases where people have been hurt by corporate actions or operations. Large corporations are loath to admit liability, for that might mean large scttlement costs, as well as indirect costs through loss of consumer and customer confidence. Many corporations find it cheaper to out-wait the victims, by waging protracted and expensive legal battles, until the victims are willing to settle for relatively small sums.

Out of such misery in Bhopal, and from the lawyer chosen by the victims, has come a compassionate new idea for justice that sees both the search for truth and the suffering of the victims. It is the concept of interim relief. It involves distributing immediately. upon request by a court, a sum of money to the victims, without prejudice to the out-come of the case—that is, without affixing responsibility or blame. Thus the victims suffering is alleviated somewhat, while legal proceedings take their course.

In Bhopal, the court hearing the case ordered Union Carbide to pay interim relief of \$270 million to the victims. The payment of interim relief would not prejudice Union Carbide's position because it does not im-

Bhopal + Four Years = Zero ply any admission of guilt or responsibility. whom are poor, many of whom are sick and disabled, and some of whom are dying, should be helped now. Union Carbide has not paid that relief. Instead, it is fighting the interim relief order in court.

--- Presidents Clarence J. Dias, of the International Center for Law in Development, and Ward Morehouse, of the Council on Inter-national and Public Affairs, both based in New York, writing in the Los Angeles Times.

At the weekend some 500 people were arrested when a demonstration turned into an attempt to storm the Bhopal plant of Union Carbide on the fourth anniversary of an unparalleled man-made catastrophe. In one appalling respect, the fourth anniversary is exactly like earlier ones. There is oo sign of compensation for tens of thousands of shattered families.

The first attempt at justice for the bereaved and maimed was in the American courts, which took 18 months to decide that the case was a matter for the Indians, whose courts have sunk helplessly into a morass of red tape, rival appeals and procedural disputes. The most disgusting aspect of the deadlock is the row between Union Carbide and the Indian government on whether Indians rate as much damages as Westerners. This is the Circumlocation Office's way of saying that those who de-manded least of the world's resources while alive and well should be no more generously treated in death or disability.

- The Guardian (London).

A Common Energy Strategy

Oil-consuming nations, including Japan, should formulate a long-range energy strategy. This requires increasing oil stockpiles, continuing efforts to develop their own oil and non-oil energy sources and renewing energy-saving efforts which have slackened. Oil-producing countries now are going into the oil refining business, hitherto the domain of advanced countries. It is time for a new dialogue between oil-producing and oil-consuming nations to stabilize the oil market.

— Yomiwi Shimbun (Tokyo).

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Hostages: Don't Expect Them Home for Christmas

LONDON — Nine American and three British hostages in Lebaoon are unlikely to be home for Christmas, or early in the new year, either. The team of President-elect George Bush and the government of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher have decided that it would be too costly and politically inexpedient, if not downright dishonorable, to dis-cuss the excessively high demands of the hostage takers, or those of the Iranian and Syrian governments

which control or influence the captors.

This is sad news for all of us, especially for those near and dear to the hostages. But political realities must be faced. Mr. Bush and his team, according to senior observers of Mrs. Thatcher's mid-November Washing-ton visit, have decided against further secret dealings which might remind Americans of past scandals of the Reagan administration. Once in office after Jan. 21, they can reassess all aspects of the continued rupture with

Iran, including hostages.

Mrs. Thatcher, for her part, is against restoring diplomatic relations with President Hafez Assad's Syrian regime which she broke off after a British court sentenced a Palestinia Nezar Hindawi, to 45 years prison in October 1986 for trying to bomb an Israeli airliner flying out of London's Heathrow Airport. The prosecution found that the convicted man acted for Syrian Air Force Intelligence.

There are some indications that Israel's secret service, Mossad, penetrated the Syrian agency and "ran" the Hindawi operation until the planned-for discovery of the bomb at Heathrow. Syria hanged as Israeli spies at least three Syrian officers

Besides refusing to renew relations and to lift economic sanctions (the United States lifted them long ago), Mrs. Thatcher also appears to believe that Mr. Assad deserves to remain isolated from Mideast peace efforts. She prefers King Hussein of Jor-

dan and has tried to nudge Mr. Bush into showing more benevolence for PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat. The nudging began before Secretary of State George Schulz refused Mr. Arafat a visa for the current UN General Assembly session, where Mr. Arafat

MEXICO CITY - There are

1VI oo wholesale solutions to the difficult U.S.-Mexican relation-

ship. The grand idea of a North

American free trade zone as an eco-

nomic panacea has elicited reluc-

tant assent from Canada but only

the usual skepticism in Mexico.

Problem-solvers in the United

States keep repeating the proposal,

to a resounding silence.

The question is whether the new

leaders - Carlos Salinas de Gortari,

inaugurated last Thursday, and

President-elect George Bush - can

manage the relationship with greater skill than did their predecessors.

sition in both countries will make

the presidents' task harder. The

Democratic Congress in the United States will press Mr. Bush to be

more assertive on drugs and more

responsive on debt, while some of

Mr. Salinas's opponents will want

him to suspend debt payments, be

more cautious on trade and invest-

ment and send the U.S. Drug En-

forcement Administration packing.

The increased power of the oppo-

By John K. Cooley

had hoped to present the PLO peace plan approved at the recent Palestine National Council meeting in Algiers. What does all this have to do with the hostages — from Church of Eng-land negotiator Terry Waite to former Associated Press correspondent Terry Anderson and eight other Americans, not ransomed by Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North and his associates dur-

ing the second Reagan term? Quite a lot. First of all, while U.S. normalization with Iran still remains a main key to releasing American hostages, in the British case the main key is Syria. Hezbollah, the Iran-oxiented Party of God in Lebanon whose partisans or friends hold the captives, still depends on Syrian logistics and Syrian lifelines. Syria last summer informed Sheikh Mohammed Fadlallah and other Hezbollah leaders that whatever Tehran may wish, Damascus would prefer oot to go out of its way to help a govern-ment in London which spurns its

wishes for normal relations. For America, Iran's high monetary claims are part of the reason why the

Bush team has called a moratorium on dealing with Iran. Intermediaries and unofficial American emissaries have been hearing the claims for months.

The December 1980 Algiers agreements, ending the Tehran hostage crisis of 1979-81, established an Iran-LIS Ceiter Teithungl at The Harmen

U.S. Claims Tribunal at The Hague. The tribunal deals with government and private claims from each country against the other. When Iran's parliament speaker, Hashemi Rafss repeatedly mentions the \$12 billion he says the United States owes Iran for arms, he is apparently talking about what is called "Claim B-1" by the lawyers and the judges (three Americans, three Iranians and three

Iran filed B-1 in November 1981. It is still before the tribunal, divided into more than 70 cases. When it was filed it amounted to \$10,893,500,000. This included \$5 billion in damages, refunds on military equipment or dered by the shah's government and return of other equipment bought by Iran but still in the United States, and \$1,859,700,000 in interest. Aircraft, a

submarine and a complete Hawk missile system with 390 missiles are among the items covered. U.S. officials estimate that the equipment is not worth more than about \$400 million, and possibly less.

The litigation drags on, month after weary month, in a grand old Dutch mansion which was a German headquarters in World War II. Apart from some Americans, individuals and firms, who have been awarded settlements for properties seized or busi-nesses wrecked in revolutionary Iran, only the judges and some attendant lawyers and staffers are getting paid. In Lebanon, the captive Americans, Britons, an Italian and the newest foreign hostage, a Swiss working for the International Committee of the Red Cross, are not hostages to fortune. They are hostages to domestic politics, the reputations of world leaders and, certainly, to what amounts to ransom demands that are totally unacceptable to any self-respecting government.

The writer, a London-based correspondent for ABC News, specializes in the Middle East. He contributed this to the International Herald Tribune.

The United Nations Should Weigh In

N EW YORK - Along with other Americans, I am relieved by the end of the carnage in the Gulf region. I am proud of the role played by our elected representatives, and our men and women in uniform, in bringing about an end to the fighting and Tehran's acceptance of UN Security

There is, however, one outstanding matter where relief still seems an eternity away, where pride is hardly in order and where I have to wonder if everything possible is being done. I'm referring to our hostages in Lebanon.

All of them concern me deeply. But you'll understand if I feel a special pain, rage and bewilderment for the plight of my husband, Lieut-nant Colonel William R. Higgins, who was serving with the United Nations peacekeeping forces there. Next Sat-urday the United Nations will accept

For Small, Solid Steps With Mexico

Mr. Salinas's job will be the hard-

er of the two. He is guiding his country through a turbulent politi-

cal and economic transition, even as his opposition questions the legitimacy of his election.

The recent meeting in Houston

between Mr. Salinas and Mr. Bush

was a sign that the two leaders re-

cognize the importance of construc-

tive relations. Past U.S. presidents

have tended to stress common goals

and interests, while Mexican presi-

dents have emphasized differences.

Thus they talked past each other,

agreeing mainly to rename existing binational commissions and call

acknowledging current differences. Each side must accept the other as it

is and recognize that a modern rela-tionship will be neither as close as

Washington would like nor as dis-tant as Mexicans would prefer.

The most important issue is eco-

nomic cooperation. Real Mexican wages have declined by more than should be more active and public.

The Mexican ambassador should meet regularly with members of Congress and Mr. Bush's cabinet

Future cooperation will require

them new initiatives.

By Robert A. Pastor and Jorge Castafieda

Resume Development or Risk Disaster

A Ford and Jimmy Carter, in a report prepared for President-elect

George Bush, listed the debt problem among those requiring "immediate decisions and actions." In 1980, the commission noted, "rich nations"

transferred a oet of \$35 billion to "poor nations." Now, it said, "there is a

After seven years of a debt crisis that has only become more threatening

many helpful steps are possible but one real remedy is needed: a direct

Last September, the UN Conference on Trade and Development called on

commercial banks to forgive at least 30 percent of the foreign debt of 15

countries. The commission did not go that far, preferring country-by-country solutions. Both groups nevertheless made the essential point. As Kenneth Dadzie of the UN conference put it, the "real threat stems from the

continuous postponement of development in the poorer countries.

The Carter-Ford report emphasized that "the longer the problem continues, the greater the chance one of the big Latin debtors will suffer a social, and the greater the chance one of the big Latin debtors will suffer a social,

political or economic crisis." A more accurate word would be "disaster" — the consequences of which would surely be felt in the United States, too.

- Tom Wicker, in a column in The New York Times.

reduction of the debt burden borne by Mexico and other Latin countries.

\$30 billion annual net transfer from poor to rich nations."

BIPARTISAN commission headed by former Presidents Gerald

By Robin L. Higgins Mrs. Higgins, of Woodbridge, Virginia, is the wife of Lieutenant Colonel William R. Higgins, who was taken hostage on Feb. 17 in Lebanon.

the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition the efforts of those forces. My husband's kidnapping was a direct

assault on that force and its mission. Americans have not been the only targets. United Nations personnel who are Finns, Norwegians, Australians and Canadians have also been attacked, maimed or killed. It is no secret that those who hold my husband and other hostages continue to

receive large payments from Iran.
It is to the credit of the UN secretary-general Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, that he has not conditioned his around-the-clock efforts to win a

further deterioration could threaten

the stability of the country,
Mexico cannot grow while it ser-

vices its debt. Because of reduced exports to Mexico, U.S. citizens have

lost more than a quarter of a million

iobs. So it is in the interests of both

lem - the crushing debt burden.

sides to address the root of the prob-

Instead of making new bridge loans, or rescheduling old debts, both countries need to reduce the

debt burden by as much as half.

They can do this by fixing the debt at its current market value, but the for-

mula is less important than political

will. Valuable time has been lost

fiddling with short-term palliatives.
The other issues on the agenda—

trade, immigration, drugs, a long-term supply agreement on energy — will take more openness and

flexibility than the governments

have previously shown. Each will have to adapt to the different rules

of operating in the other capital.
The U.S. Embassy in Mexico

should be more discreet, and the

The two presidents should avoid

raising unrealistic expectations.

Those who look for a great leap

forward in U.S.-Mexican relations

ignore the past and jeopardize the

Next year will provide as good a time as both countries have had in

many years to improve relations.

The acknowledgment that there are

limits to friendships might be the

best point at which to begin to ex-

pand the boundaries of cooperation.

The writers, professors of political

cience at Emory University in At-

lanta and the National University of Mexico, are co-authors of "Limits to

Friendship: The United States and Mexico. They contributed this com-ment to The New York Times.

prospects for small solid steps.

safe return of his imprisoned officer in Lebanon. My husband is, after all, one man; upward of a million men, women and children had been killed in the Iran-Iraq conflict. But the secretary-general has also

lasting peace on Iran's border on the

asked the Iranian foreign minister for assistance in my busband's release. I have no reason to believe that such assistance has been forthcoming. Iran has now recognized Security

Council Resolution 598 but evidently feels that it can safely overlook Resolution 618, which exhorts all member states to use their influence "in any way possible" to secure the immediate release of Colonel Higgins. Do the Iranians feel no sense of

indebtedness to the secretary-general? No sense of honor with respect to my husband? Apparently not.
The United Nations expects enthu-

siastic support for the deployment of yet another peacekeeping force. I understand why the Reagan administration decided to support this effort. But I'm not sure I can support that decision in the circumstances. I suggest that we consider the following: · Since Congress is directly ac-

countable to the American people in the disbursement of public funds, including the funding for UN peacekeeping operations, my husband's re-lease should be taken into account. · He is still assigned to the United Nations. That organization must source no effort in securing his release.

Iran needs the United Nations now. It needs the socretary grace of it needs the West. All are willing to help. But if the Iranian leaders wish to be seen as scrious people and worthy interlocutors, they should order the prompt release of all the hostages. Iran should see to it that my husband is returned directly to the United Nations command in Lebanon. It is high time to start somewhere, and my husband's United Nations status provides leverage of a unique kind. Please use it.

The New York Times.

Gorbachev: Détente II On the Menu

By Jim Hoagland

P ARIS — The man stamps to I lunch Wednesday with Rorald Reagan and George Bush in New York has had a hectic six months since. he last engaged in superpower summirry. Milchall Gorbachev's world has changed dramatically while American At home he consolidated his power in the Polithuro but failed to establish the formatically while american are superpower in the Polithuro but failed to establish

his authority as unchallengeable on-side it. Faced with open position defiance in Estonia, ethnic conflict in the. Concern and widespread committee hardships that many attribute to his. economic restructuring program his has had to seek compromise and cooperation from ethnic nations past.

Kremin rulers simply kept could.

Abroad he concentrated his efforts on Western Europe, orthestrating a series of visits by European leaders bankers and businessmen that won. new billions in credits, promine of joint ventures and a readiness in help.

Mr. Gorbachev put consumer goods, and food in the shops to buy times.

His attention to Europe should not be interpreted by Americans as a time.
filling operation conducted; while,
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waiting for the United States to choose a new president. What Mr. Gothacher has accomplished with the Europeaks is an essential component of his image gy to use foreign imitatives to calm, what he has called "the turbulent seas". what he has caned to the total and the condition of change in the Soviet Union.

His European campaign provides.

Mr. Bush with opportunities and childenges as Soviet-U.S. dialogue resumes

at summit level. No matter how hard. the U.S. side tries to keep Wednesd day's meeting on a ceremonial, "winds-ing down" scale, Mr. Bush must be, prepared to field comprehensive new proposals on arms control in Europe. It is clear that Mr. Gorbachev see Western Europe, not the United: States, as the Soviet Union's most reliable source of the credits and technology he needs to bolster his collaps economy. This does not mean that he is downgrading U.S. Soviet relations.

— although Americanologists have fared prorfy in recent changes in state and party foreign policy bodies. He recognizes that he can get what he needs from Europe only if he has good. ties with the senior partner of the NATO firm. He is prepared to offer more arms control deals and human rights concessions to keep Washington. in a kinder and gentler mood.

Detente I was built on a narrow:

base of immediate superpower inter-ests that quickly proved unstable. Mr. Bush and Mr. Gorbachev may now have an opportunity to use Europe, both as a buffer between them and as a creative, active partner, in building a much more stable Detente IL At its core should be the mutually reinforce. ing goals of getting the Red Army out of Eastern Europe and creating a radically different minimal nuclear deterrence strategy for European NATO. Mr. Bush needs to see that the debate over whether the West should "help" Mr. Gorbachev in his struggle against Soviet inertia and resistance has been settled in Europe in the past for different reasons, Margaret Thatcher, Helmut Kohl and François Mitterrand have decided that; gives the alternatives, Mr. Gorbachev de-

serves their aid and will get it. The question is how much, not whether. Mr. Bush should avoid pointless at-guments with allies over this expandig economic cooperation with the Soviet bloc. It will also be helpful to tone down the shrillness that has crept into American pronouncements on the European Community's 1992 integration plan and burden-sharing in NATO, while continuing to press valid points on these two concerns.

All these issues could usefully be thrashed out at a substantive rather than ceremonial NATO summit. Mgs Thatcher sought to push her pet project of holding a 40th anniversary NATO summit in London next sum-mer when she met Mr. Bush in Wash-ington last month. Mr. Bush kept her at arm's length, saying only that it was an idea that needed to be considered He apparently was not eager to risk offending other allies by re-establish offending other allies by re-establishing so quickly the extra-special relictionship that Mr. Reagan and Mr. Thatcher rather override Mr. Bush is too savey a politician to cause the NATO spotlight with Mrs. Thatcher as the hoop-holding ringmanter.

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But the idea that Europe and Amer ica need to coordinate more closely illustrategy for dealing with Mr. Gods chev's European initiatives is a sound one Washington site of the 1949 againg of the North Atlantic Treaty. would be the better place for a summat to do this than London would be: And sooner would be a lot better than later.

The Washington Post.

100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1888: Demands on Hayri NEW YORK - There is reason to

believe that the Government has demanded the release of the steamer Hay-tian Republic, recently seized by the Haytian authorities while attempting to enter the Harbor of St. Marc. The steamer's owner states that he has been informed that the seizure is invalid.

1913: Moslem Suffragette CONSTANTINOPLE - In accordance with the announcement she had

already made, Belkis Shefket Hamm, a member of the Ottoman association for the defense of female rights in Turkey, has just been on the first flight ever made by a Turkish woman in an aeroplane. During the flight she threw down large numbers of printed appeals in Turkish urging Moslem women to contribute largely to the acquisition of a new acroplane, whose name should be "Kadin Duniassi" ("The World of Women"). Bellos Shefket Hanum declared that her object was to encourage Moslem women to take an indepen dent, courageous attitude in life.

1938: Chopper Spared

PARIS - Anatole Deibler, Frances official head-chopper for the last two score years, escaped yesterday [Dec. 5] from the "ax" wielded by the gorerument's economy-hunting con tee, which decided not to chop hith off the pay roll despite the fact that he is seventy-six years old. He will continue trundling out his guillotine every time a criminal is to be executed or French territory. For this, he will keep on drawing the modest, salary of 18,000 fr. a year, plus expenses. He and his family live cloistered in a small house in Autenil. M. Debler is for his den by the government to give in interview or allow his picture to be taken. He is the last male heir of a 120 year-old dynasty. His father, his grandfather and his great grandfather operated the grim neck-thicing ma-chine introduced by Dr. Guillotts dising the French Revolution.

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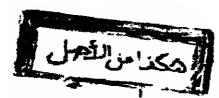
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try suffers from the inbuilt inadequacies

of the system," the Yugoslav writer Milo-

van Diilas said in an interview published

This crisis, both economic and politi-

failed to grow and governments that

served in the economic stagnation of

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The crisis in communism can be ob-

ic development in the People's Repub-

lic of China and in Taiwan. Hong Kong

observed in today's Soviet Union.
Mikhail Gorbachev insists that the

Soviet revolution has been a great suc-

cess, one that perestroika will only en-hance. But his speeches to official Sovi-

Mr. Djilas, who was a vice president of

Yugoslavia, then a political prisoner, and

is now one of the world's most astrate

observers of communism, has no doubt about what has stimulated the urge for

reform in Mr. Gorbachev and his col-

Let us be quite clear about one thing:

The Soviet leaders' attempt to reform

the system is not inspired by some noble

realization that the system is unjust or

peorly regarded abroad, but by strict necessity. They have come to realize

what other Communists in Yugoslavia,

Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and

China realized much earlier — that com-

the rationale or character of the rule itself.

whose essence is "the possession of totali-

tarian power." They are trying, he says,

Erbodies indicate otherwise.

leagues. Mr. Djilas says:

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in the current Encounter magazine.

By Jim Hough

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By Peter Maass Wushington Post Service

"SEOUL — President Roh Tae Woo, in an expected move, shuffailed to cut Mr. Roh's ties with the authoritarian legacy of former President Chun Doo Hwan.

The opposition warned that it thight use its majority in the Na-dence in Mr. Roh's battered ninetional Assembly to block the instal- month administration. lation of the cabinet hy voting

where, the Soviet press reports, Moslems display pictures of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. Meanwhile, Georgians con-Still, Mr. Djilas is not wholly pessical, is manifest in economies that have

Communists in a Mood to Deal

By Jeane Kirkpatrick

mistic. He foresaw these problems.

The arrival of Mikhail Gorbachev have not managed to win the loyalties. demonstrates what some of us have long of the people they rule. It can be ob- suspected - that indigenous Commuparties, notably the Yugoslav and empenched Communist societies and the the Soviet parties, have sufficient inner resources left in them to shed the Stalin ist incrustation and make a fresh start."

the borders of the Soviet Union and Today the Soviet Communist Party, The crisis is clearest in the countries like the Yugoslav party, is "vaguely where Marxist-Leninist governments groping for a reconceptualization of have ruled the longest, and so have the whole Communist experiment." And Mr. Gornachev pursues a path of "cautious de-Stalinization," moving carefully toward a full reckoning with

goals. But living standards in the Soviet Union remain among the lowest in Eu-rope, infant mortality rates are rising the terrible Soviet past.

Cautiously, Mr. Gorbachev permits the filling in of the blank pages of Soviet history. Cautiously, he permits correction served in the contrast between economof the gross lies in Soviet official accounts. Cautiously, he tries to take the lid off the pent-up rage of captive peoples while keeping the lid on —understanding and Singapore. It can be observed in the Chinese, Hungarian and Polish "re-form" programs. Above all, it can be

both the necessity and the danger. in July 1987, he noted: "Every people has its language, its history, it wants to understand its roots. Can that be contrary to socialism? Of course not. But if cone retires into himself, struts about and starts passing this off as an absolute

value — that is unacceptable."

Already Mr. Gorbachev's regime, pledged to restructuring, is using force

against Armenians to maintain structures imposed from above by a central government that he has pledged to weaken. Already Soviet peoples are demanding the self-determination guaranteed by the Soviet constitution. What is he to do?

Mr. Gorbachev, Mr. Djilas believes, is a transitional figure who cannot achieve his economic goals without transforming his political system. But Mr. Djilas predicts that the entire party bureaucracy - the ruling class - will eventually resist political pluralism, understanding that it would end their privileges.

Were the Gorbachev reforms to succeed, the West's problem with the Soviet Union would end, Mr. Djilas believes. "If restructuring is to be seriously pursued ... the Soviet Union will have neither the will nor the energy to embark on expansionist policies.

Nonetheless, the Soviet Union remains far more skillful than the United States and the West in political and psychological competition, even while is in economie crisis.

Today, Mr. Djilas believes, the Moscow looks to the West to take the pressure off the Soviet system. It is dealing from a position of weakness, and that gives the West a great opportunity to extract from the Soviet state "a whole strain of political guarantees of the most tangible and enforceable kind" - including an admission "that the international civil war they declared on the rest of the world in 1917

Thus, skillfully managed by the West, the crisis in communism may be made to serve the cause of freedom.

Los Angeles Times Syndicate.



In the early days of flying, who'd have thought that one day air travel would be so completely screwed up?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Barring Arafat Wasn't What Statesmanship Required

Debate in Arafat-U.S. Rift" (Nov. 28) and other reports on the U.S. decision to deny a visa for Yasser Arafat to address the General Assembly in New York:

Few would contest that George Shultz will have left U.S. foreign policy in bet--Mr. Djilas says they seek only to re-form the methods of Communist rule, not ter condition than he found it when he arrived at the Department of State. At the same time, the denial of a visa to Yasser Arafat serves to illustrate the difference between an honorable public official and a statesman.

to make improvements within the framework of the existing ideology." The Palestinian people consider the .But the democratization and decentral-PLO as their representative. No peace-ful solution in the Middle East is thereization that Mr. Gorbachev now urges involve the system as well as its methods. fore possible without Mr. Arafat and his Moreover, the prospects for reform in the organization. Mr. Shultz could have Soviet-Union are diminished by the abused his high moral posture on terrorism sence of a Russian democratic tradition to bring home these facts to the Ameriand the lack of a democratic tradition in can people, citing them as the overarchthe Soviet Communist Party. They are ing reasons for granting the visa. He would thereby have made it easier for the new administration of Presidentalso diminished by the danger that loosening central power over the "constituent republics" may lead to chaos.

The Baltic states have been in open elect George Bush to get the domestic political support it will need for any effort to reach a Middle East agreement. with a could be rebellion. Soviet troops have been dispatched to put down riots in Azerbaijan, The decisions of the Palestine National

In response to "Arabs Seek Shift of UN Council in Algiers, however imperfect,

are the obvious base for such a process. Your reports suggest that the secretary of state chose instead to have a last fling at turning his personal feelings into policy. There will be no Middle East peace without active support by the United States, and Mr. Shultz has made that harder to assure. REYNOLD RIEMER.

Neuilly-sur-Seine. France.

America's refusal to give the terrorist Yasser Arafat a visa is understandable. However, application of that policy is inconsistent. Two Israeli prime ministers, Menachem Begin and Yitzhak Shamir, have visited the United States despite having been members of Irgun, which was responsible for terrorism and assassinations in the 1940s.

Given the current repressive Israeli policies in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip, and the rising number of innocent people being killed, Israel cannot claim moral superiority over the centralist groups in the PLO.

Unfortunately, on practical political

grounds, one must deal with the Arafats and Shamirs of this world. More seriously, due to its over-sponsoring of Israel. America now shares moral responsibility with regard to the situation in the occupied territories. A more consistent policy is to condemn that situation and work toward a political solu-

tion under which it will stop. E.M. EVLETH

Why did the United States refuse the visa request? Officially, because of Mr. Arafat's terrorist connections. This may be a valid claim, but it did not prevent Washington from granting him a visa some years back, when he was more active in crimes of terrorism.

At a time when the United Nations gaining in stature, the United States is contradicting its own hopes for that organization. After all, it was the United States that helped to bring the Unit-ed Nations into being to do exactly what it is trying to do in this case: bring about a peaceful solution to an issue affecting international security.

GERALD W. WOOD. Berlin.

Secretary-General Javier Pérez de Cuellar should have declared the United Nations complex an extraterritorial site. nicked up Mr. Arafat at Kennedy International Airport in a helicopter - before Mr. Arafat was required to pass through immigration - flown him into the complex, allowed him to address the General Assembly and flown him out the same way he came in.

> STEFAN GEORG KLEIN. Vaduz, Liechtenstein,

Regarding "Rejection of Visa for Ara-fat Is Shultz's Personal Statement" (News Analysis, Nov. 29):

The attempt to explain the denial of a visa for Mr. Arafat on the hasis of Mr. Schultz's personal contempt for terrorism little more than a whitewash. Mr. Shultz's real motive is clear: adamant opposition to a Palestinian state, even if it ere to result from negotiations.

Such rejectionism made the failure of Mr. Shultz's peace shuttle — in any case late and halfhearted — during the Palestinian uprising inevitable.

> T. WISE. Oxford, England.

The Phantoms Will Return, But With a Different Coach By Dave Barry

MIAMI — It's t2:30 Saturday afternoon, and I'm desperately trying to learn the rules for soccer. I used to play soccer occasionally back in junior high gym class, but the only rules I can remember are: 1. You're allowed to hit the ball with your head, 2. But it hurts.

Suddenly, however, I need to know a great deal more, because in less than an hour I'm supposed to coach my son's

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soccer team, the Phantoms, ages 7 and 8, in a real league game. The regular coach, Rick, is on vacation for two weeks, and be and some of the other parents thoughtfully decided to make me the substitute coach on the basis of my various qualifications, the main one being that I wasn't there when they made this decision.

The Phantoms are, quite frankly, struggling. We're playing in a serious league, mostly against older and bigger kids. Also we have been decimated by birthday parnes. We're not having a banner year in the sense of winning games or even neces-sarily getting the ball down the field far enough so the opposing goalkeeper has to

stop picking his ear.
Nevertheless, I am taking my substitute-coaching responsibilities seriously, the only problem being that I have no idea what to do. Oh. I've attended a bunch of games over the years, but all l ever did was stand around with the other fathers randomly yelling "KICK IT!" I did attend a team practice earlier

this week in hopes of learning some strategy, but unfortunately this was the practice at which the Official Team Photograph was taken, which was very time consuming because every time the photographer got the team posed, several players would be attacked hy ants. Down here in South Florida we have highly aggressive ants, ants that make no distinction between a cashew nut and a human being. You turn your back on them, and next thing you know, you hear this rhythmic ant work chant and your child is being dragged underground.

So the Phantoms spent most of the practice swatting at their legs and moving around the field, looking for an ant-free location. The only thing they practiced was getting into team photograph forma-tion. I did speak hriefly with Rick, who gave me the following coaching pointers: I. The game starts at 1:30.

He also gave me some reading material he got at the league coaching clinic, which I am desperately reading as game time approaches. Unfortunately, it was not designed to be read by desperate unprepared fathers. It was designed to be read

by graduate students. It starts out: "A. Principles of Play: the rules of action (guidelines) that support the basic objectives of soccer.

B. Tactics: the means by which the principles or rules are executed.

"C. Strategy: which tactics are to be times, gradually becoming convinced that they'd make equal sense in any order. They could say: "Strategy: The tactics by which the rules (principles) support the execution." Or: "Principles: The strategic (tactical) arrangement of

executives wearing supporters."

I glance at my watch. Time to go! Ha ha! I'm sure feeling well prepared now!

Now we're at the field. The Phantoms are gathered around me, awaiting leadership. Nearby, our opponents are running through some snappy pregame drills. The Phantoms look at me expectantly. My brain, working feverishly under pressure, begins to form a shrewd coaching concept, a tactic by which we might be able to execute the guidelines of our strategy.

"O.K.!" I announce. "Let's run some

pregame drills!" The Phantoms, with rare unity of purpose, respond immediately.

We don't have a ball," they point

out. There was nothing about this in the coaching materials.

Now it is time for the Pregame Talk. "O.K., Phantoms!" I say. "Gather 'round! Listen up!"

The Phantoms gather 'round, They listen up. It occurs to me that I have nothing whatsoever to tell them.
"OK!" I say. "Let's go!"

The game itself is a blur. My strategy—yelling "KICK IT!"—does not seem to be effective. The other team is scoring on us regularly. We are not scoring at all Our best play consists of falling down. I approach some of the other fathers on the sideline. "What do you think we

should do?" I ask. They do not hesitate. We should go to a bar," they say. In the third quarter, I change strategy, from yelling "KICK IT!" to yelling "WAY TO GO!" This has no effect on

anything, but I feel better. Finally the game ends. I attempt to console the Phantoms over their hearthreaking loss, but they're beyond consolation. They're now into racing around pouring Gatorade on each other. But I'm sure they'll snap out of it. I'm sure that come next Saturday, they'll be

ready once again to take the field. Under their new substitute coach, My strategy is to be on the other side of the state.

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GENERAL NEWS

Vi- ಶಿವ್ಯಾಪದಿಗಳು Contain that Americans In Darjeeling, Bitter Foes Await a Vote an Petri Artel d'Espir

By Richard M. Weintraub Washington Post Service

DARJEELING, India — Once again, the Queen of the Hills -as 100 - 100 - 100 Mg (100) Darjeeling is fondly called - is at ್ಲು ಎಡ್ಡಾ ಎಡ್ಡಾಡ್ಡ್ _{ಸ್ಟ್} peace. Or at least so it seems in the crowded streets and mountainside walkways where tourists gaze at mighry Kanchenjunga, the world's third-highest peak, and tea bushes clinging to precipitous slopes. A CONTRACTOR

Shouts of children at play echo through the steep hills and valleys. They have replaced the sounds of bombs and the cries of the wounded from two years of virtual civil war over the demands of the Gurkhas, the Nepalese-speaking hill people, for a separate state. For a time, Indians feared they

may have had a second Punjab on their hands, a geographically critical part of their country grown so disenchanted it was ready to go its Fabled for cool air, wooded mountainsides and spectacular

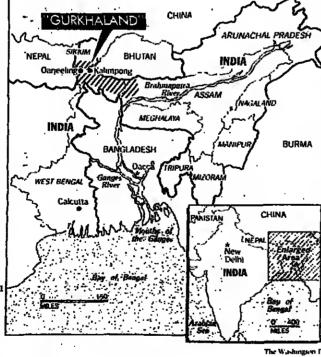
views of some of the world's highest peaks, Darjeeling had become the stuff of legend, identified with fine teas as much as with unsur-Behind the legends, however, a shouts of "Gurkhaland!" and the bitter division had developed along lines common to many parts of the world where crowded plains began

to press in on the space and seren-ity of the mountains and their peo-. Resources that once came to keep the roads in shape and the water and electricity supplies suffi-cient began to go elsewhere. Even

"It is the nature of tribal peo-ple," said one Darjeeling resident.

They are slow to answer They are slow to anger but once in the newspapers."

With the people rallied by a for- the tea gardens, and houses of susmer Indian Army sergeant, Subhas pected front activists were sacked Chising the hills began to ring with hy police. Thousands fled - the losing control over the vital 20-



crossed-knife symbol of the Gurkha National Liberation Front began to appear on walls in towns like Kalimpong, Ghoom and Kurseong as well as in the main prize, Darjee-

The Communist-led West Bengal state government responded with force, calling in contingents of the often heavy-handed paramilithe most minor government jobs tary Central Reserve Police.
began to go to Bengali speakers "No one knows how man "No one knows how many peo-

ple really died," said another Darjeeling resident. "But it certainly is more than the 300 often mentioned

Rival unions of Communist and Gurkha front supporters clashed at

be at home at dusk. We do not know who we will meet on the "People are still nervous about the elections," he said. "They do

Gurkhas to valleys deeper in the mountains, the Bengalis back to the plains at the foot of the Himalayas. "Before the trouble started, we could go anywhere, late at night even, and there would be no trouble," said one young man who, like others, would not give his name out of continuing fear. Then, for two years we would be afraid even at 10 in the morning. Even now, we must

not know what will happen."

The elections are part of an accord signed on Aug. 22, when the central government in New Delhi stepped into the dispute, fearful of

ridor that connects India's strategic northeast with the rest of the coun-

Under the agreement, hoth Communist and Gurkha militants agreed to turn in their arms and a hill council was to be elected that would have control over local mat-

It was short of the separate state demanded by Mr. Ghising but more autonomy than the Communist-led government would have

Tourists began to return to Darjeeling. Business, which had been off by as much as 50 percent, began to pick up. Now, however, with the Dec. 13

hill council elections nearing, tensions are rising once again. "There is danger in the vote," a Darjeeling resident said, "Ghising had to accept the council; the Central Reserve Police were killing people. Then the Gurkha front besides backed off, but if the Gurkha

front doesn't win, there will be a problem. "Even with the election," he added. "there are some who have said they never will give up short of independence. One Kalimpong leader told me. 'I took young boys away from their homes and some were killed. How could we ever give

There is confidence the momen turn of two years of struggle will carry the Gurkha front through the elections, but not so much confidence that all the region's problems will then disappear.

One woman said that even if the wounds begin to heal, Darjeeling may never again be what it was Youths trained to use guns and homemade bombs are no longer likely to accept the old discipline.

"There have been so many killings and antagonisms," she said. "They won't forget for years."

Opposition Criticizes Cabinet Shuffle in Seoul

fled the South Korean cabinet from the National Assembly before

Mr. Kang, who needs approval

Monday, but the main opposition taking office, is a former general parties immediately described the and member of the ruling party shake-up as a hollow gesture that who served under Mr. Chun as ambassador to Britain. The initial opposition reaction indicates that Monday's shuffle will fail to restore public confi-

In the shuffle, Mr. Roh dis-

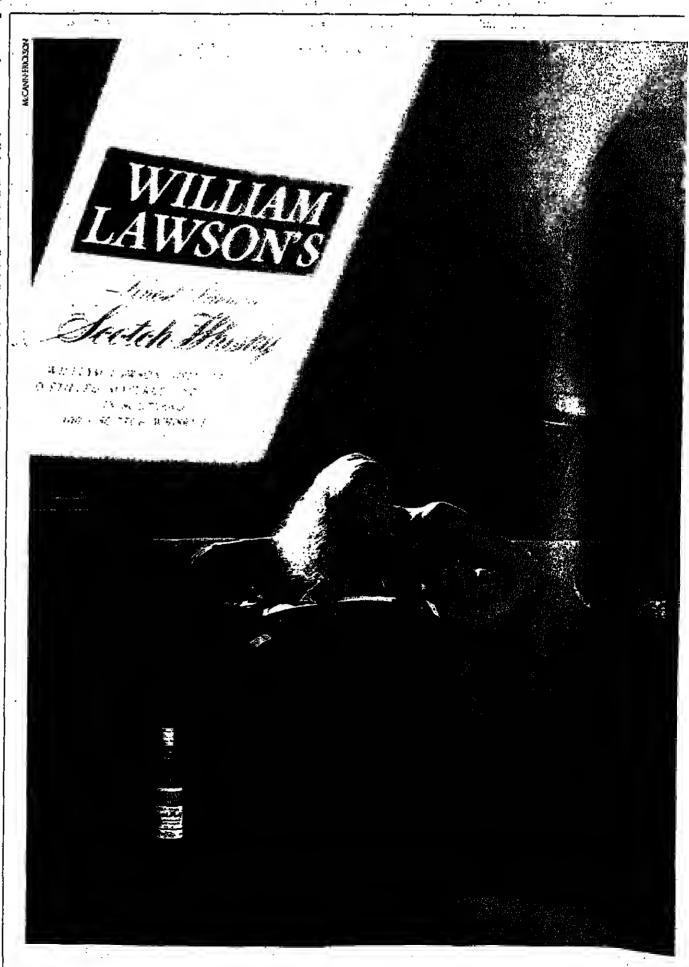
against Mr. Roh's newly designat- missed 20 of 24 ministers, including Peace and Democracy, the largest ed prime minister, Kang Young the eight ministers who were holdovers from the Chun era. But most Jung. of the new cabinet members come from the governing Democratic Justice Party.

One of the four cabinet members who were retained, the government country democratic." administration minister, Kim Yong Gap, was regarded as the firmest Nov. 26, Mr. Roh asked South Koadvocate of Mr. Chun's policies.

opposition group, led by Kim Dae "There is no conviction from

President Roh to cut his ties with the Fifth Republic," he said. "There is no intention to make the In a nationally televised speech

reans to forgive Mr. Chun, who had "Almost all the people in the apologized for his misdeeds, surcabinet are from Chun Doo rendered millions of dollars of his Hwan's regime," said Han Hwa wealth and gone into internal exile Gap, a spokesman for the Party for in a monastery.



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White House Sights Kept Low

No Breakthroughs Expected at Gorbachev Luncheon

WASHINGTON - The Reagan administration would find "nothing embarrassing" in concluding a meeting with Mikhail S. Gorbachev that produced no breakthroughs or agreements, the chief White House spokesman said

While striving to limit U.S. expectations for the luncheon on this trip." But he said he was Wednesday among President Ronald Reagan, Mr. Gorbachev and President-elect George Bush at Governors Island in New York harbor, the spokesman, Marlin Fitzwater, acknowledged that the Soviet leader could spring a sur-

But the two sides, widening the superpower dialogue, have decided to set up a separate session between Secretary of State George P. Shultz. and Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze. That meeting will United Nations in advance of the lyze and make these judgments.

luncheon, according to the State Department spokesman, Charles ing or in any way negative about

the president and vice president, Mr. Fitzwater said, "I'm sure the Soviets want to put a positive face unaware of any major new Soviet initiative, and suggested that U.S. officials would not let Mr. Gorbachev put them under pressure to respond immediately to one.

be held at the U.S. Mission to the tration in power that can fully ana-

ETHNIC: Republics Are Warned

dered to send teachers to the temporary quarters, it said.

Earlier, an Azerbaijani official said that Soviet troops had used force Sunday to clear crowds from the central square in the Azerbai-jani capital, Baku. He did not say what sort of force was used.

Demonstrators assembled again in Baku on Monday following rumors that people had been killed in the incident Sunday. The Azerbaijani official denied that anyone had been killed but said that it was unclear whether anyone had been

Curfews were imposed last month in large areas of the repub-lics of Armenia and Azerbaijan after ethnic disturbances. But at least 28 persons have died in the past two weeks, according to officials.

"Right now, the situation in Armenia can be described as stable." Soviet television said. "Economic life is starting to operate smooth-

There have been far fewer violations of public order in the town," it said. "This has allowed the military command to reduce the curfew in force in Yerevan as of Monday. It did not give the new hours of the curfew, which previously ran from 10 P.M. to 6 A.M.

The Soviet government and party statement said that many workers in the Transcaucasia region had complained of being dismissed for ethnic reasons — Azerbaijanis from jobs in Armenia and Armenians from jobs in Azerbaijan. It did not say how many dismissals had taken place.

characterizing this meeting as a Reminded that Soviet officials friendly discussion - an open airing of issues between us and a and analysts said during the week-end that Mr. Gorbachev had more healthy approach toward continuin mind than just a cordial talk with Mr. Fitzwater said the fact that U.S. and Soviet officials can sit down and talk, without there having to be tangible, immediate results or agreements, illustrates "the strength of the new relationship"

knew what Mr. Gorbachev planned to tell the UN General Assembly in We have a president who is an address just before the lun-cheon. He said that the language of leaving office in a few weeks, who is not going to be making any promises that he is not here to keep." Mr. the Soviet advance team during the weekend was "optimistic and up-Fitzwater said. "And we have a beat and so forth, but it was all very new president who will be taking general. office in a few weeks, who is not going to he making commitments when he doesn't have an adminis-

Mr. Fitzwater said that the president had been briefed on the East-West situation by the national security adviser, Colin D. Powell, and that Mr. Bush had been at the session in the Oval Office.

"So we find nothing embarrass-

between Washington and Moscow.

He also said that no U.S. official

At a meeting with college presidents earlier Monday, Mr. Bush said he expected substantive discussions but would not make any commitments at the superpower Soviet officials said Sunday that

Mr. Gorbachev would bring important ideas to the meeting, and Vla-dimir Zosner, a Soviet television commentator, said Monday that he believed they would include new ideas on reducing the superpowers' nnclear aremais.

"I would expect something very important in the area of arms rection," he said in a TV interview. "I'm sure of that." Meanwhile, the Tass news agen-

cy said the Soviet Union was aware that the next U.S. president would need time to get adjusted but urged that this period be kept as short as possible to avoid "backsliding" in international relations and arms

"It is perfectly natural that the nistration will need some time to get its bearings in the complexity of domestic and international problems," said Pavel Vorobyov, a Foreign Ministry expert on U.S-Soviet ties, in a commentary carried by Tass.

"But it is very important not to drag out this period. Marking time in international affairs, especially in the domain of arms limitation and reduction, is tantamount not only to loss of time but to backslid-

The article said the foundation of the countries' relations, laid in strong and solid. "But further success requires

purposeful guidance, firmly set on cal in his prescriptions for the econhieving a positive result," it said. omy, embracing more private farm-(AP, Reuters) ing, worker ownership of industry,



Antonio Cafiero, the governor of the province of Buenos Aires, said that when he asked the president what the price had been of ending the conflict, be told me. None. But Mr. Cafiero said he thought the government did not always tell the Hundreds of policemen were sent to the suburban Villa Martelli base Sunday to form a line between the rebel soldiers and the more than a thousand civilian demonstrators who gathered outside.

narting troops. During this time, the anthorities

The demonstrators engaged in in Argentina." There was no immediate comskirmishes with the police throughment either from the president's office or the Ministry of Defense. out the day as they tried to get to the gates of the base. From inside, Government troops, who threw a the rebels periodically tossed tear ring of tanks and artillery around Villa Martelli base on Sunday, gas at the demonstrators. withdrew after the army an-

(Continued from page 1) whose brother, Carlos Smil, is the Peronists' presidential nominee for the May 1989 elections, said, "The

characteristics of what happened

make one suppose that the surren-

der was not gratis."

MUTINY: Insurgents Hold Out

wounds and 13 civilians and 12

Colonel Semeldin said Monday that he was still in charge of Villa

Martelli and that be did not know

when he would end his rebellion,

Reuters reported from Buenos

The situation is very fluid," be

Speaking at the rebel-held com-

plex, Colonel Semeldin said he and

government troops led by General

an effort to prevent bloodshed.

Caridi had reached a settlement in

and because of that we did not

want to fight each other," Colonel Seineldin said. "What we want is

the restructuring of military power

nounced that the rebellion was

But on Monday afternoon, rebel

troops with blackened faces rode

around the base on tanks, carrying rocket launchers and shouting re-bel slogans, witnesses said. There

was no sign of any clearing-up op-

Another group of rebels at Mer-

cedes, 100 kilometers (60 miles) west of the capital, also refused to

surrender, news agencies said Mon,

day afternoon. Colonel Scincidin said that in the

agreement with the military com-

mand, he had dropped his demands for the release of officers impris-

oned for atrocities during the mili-tary juntas. "We know that in this

that demanding it could break the

government is inflexible and

eration.

They and we thought the same

policemen were wounded.

Refusing to Quit.

Authorities said the worst vioence occurred when loyalist troops began to depart in tanks and trucks after President AlfonsIn announced the end of the rebellion. The demonstrators booed the de-

said, there were outbursts of automatic rifle fire. They said two civil-

And unless Mr. Gorbachev can Plan for Change

(Continued from page 1)

bloody 1956 Soviet invasion that halted his country's revolution against communism, is clearly determined not to let control of the movement for change — or ulti-mate political power — slip from

refrain from challenging its power or making radical demands.

ple oot to exercise them fully.

compromise initially, in which the new political forces agree to restrain themselves and allow the party to keep its authority," a senior party official said. "Otherwise, the party not only will be swept from power, but there will be no

place it.

It would be backed, he said, by "a very massive" corps of welltrained reservists who could be Mr. Tin said the reductions had begun and would continue, step by step. They will be very big both in absolute oumbers and in percent-

Mr. Tin and other officials said moderate platforms and conciliathe military overhaul reflected tory stances toward authority. Vietnam's improved relations with Thailand and other non-Commun-The officials also emphasized that Vietnam, with an estimated 100,000 to 120,000 soldiers in Cambodia, would withdraw all but

50,000 of them by the end of this month. They noted that Vietnam favor such radical changes. Mr. Gorbachev has ruled out a recently completed a withdrawal of multiparty system for the Soviet Union, and his foreign policy depu-ty, Alexander N. Yakovlev, derided about 40,000 troops from Laos. Mr. Tin said that if relations between Vietnam and China improved, the country could reduce

But there has been no direct criticism of the Hungarian program by the Soviet leadership or press, and top party officials in Budapest say they feel confident Moscow will not hinder them.

"I think there is no barrier in the way," a senior official said. One factor that could threaten the program is the growing discontent among Hungarians over years of economic stagnation and declin-

ing living standards. But in contrast to events in Poland, Hungarian blue-collar work-ers have yet to play a significant role in politics and appear unlikely to turn independent labor unions government, said that because the

as happened with Solidarity. Hungarian political leaders clearly hope that by providing legal channels for protests and opposition, they will minimize the disruptive effect of discontent among workers in the next two to three opment and agricultural planta-tions and in military industries

Instead of rebelling against the

"In Hungary it has not been necessary for us to form a council of national salvation," the senior party leader said, referring to the sort of body periodically proposed as the answer to Poland's chronic cri-

sus seemed inconceivable here. But since the replacement of the aging party leader Janos Kadar by Mr. Grosz and the extensive reshaping of the governing Polithuro, the leadership has shifted to a strategy of anticipating changes necessary to maintain political stability.

the party's hands. He and other party leaders have stressed that the changes must come at a measured pace and that the new political movements budding around Hungary must be willing to cooperate with the party and

As with the Solidarity and Prague Spring movements, the par-ty faces the tricky tasks of creating democracy while retaining political supremacy, and of establishing personal freedoms while warning peo-

There has to be a period of capable governing authority to re-

In Poland, the party and society have been unable to achieve such a compromise, while in Czechoslovakia, Soviet tanks crushed the 1968 attempt. Such experiences have led many Soviet-bloc politicians to doubt that the process of change in "most have a standing force that is a Communist state can be both numerically small but high in quali-

Despite the apparent magnitude of the coming changes, both the party leadership and the opposi-tion here lack the revolutionary fervor that electrified Solidarity and the Prague Spring. Mr. Grosz's even divided, among liberals, modcrates and conservatives, while most of the dozens of opposition groups that have sprouted in the last year have stuck to remarkably

The relatively tranquil atmo-sphere in Budapest at a time of heaval around the Communist world may be one reason the Hungarian political changes appear acceptable to the Kremlin. Moscow, m principle, does not yet seem to

the concept publicly during a re-cent visit to Budapest.

army had for many years been en-gaged in economic work, "switch-ing soldiers back into the civilian into a mass opposition movement

cars as economic restructurin brings growing unemployment and a further fall in living standards.

party as in Poland, discontented workers and intellectuals in Hungary may find it more convenient to work through the system, party leaders say.

ses. "We have a real chance of cre-

constitutional system, and we don't want that to happen," he said. ISRAEL:

Coalition Blocked (Continued from page 1)

that appeared to be secret promise made to Agudai Israel by Yossi Beilin, a longtime aide to Mr. Peres and now a member of the Knesseig or parliament.

Among the promises on the document were that Labor would restrict the raising of pigs in Israel, limit abortions and control the distribution of pomography.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who opposed any negotiations with the religious parties, was furious when he saw the list and called Mr. Beilin "Peres's poodle." ..

Mr. Beilin explained that the list dated from early negotiations with Agudat Israel, just after the Nov. 1 elections. And about Mr. Rabin, Mr. Beilin said, "I think Mr. Rabin in his old age is an embarrassment to the Rabin of his youth."

After the negotiations with the religious parties last week, during which he contended that he had a chance of becoming prime minister again, Mr. Peres now is pushing for electoral revision.

"The country is burdened with defense, security, economic and political problems," he said. "I repeat again that if we won't change, the electoral system, it will cause to unending difficulties. It will be almost impossible to manage things. After every election this happens.

■ Arafat to Visit Stockholm The Swedish Foreign Ministry

said Monday that Yasser Arafat would travel to Stockholm on Tuesday for talks oo the Middle East with Jewish representatives from the United States, Reuters reported from Stockholm: The Swedish foreign minister,

Sten Andersson, invited Mr. Arafat, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, to Stockholm together with a group of infinential Jewish Americans, a ministry spokesman, Bo Heineback,

He declined to give the names the U.S. participants.

He said Mr. Arafat also would confer with the foreign minister and meet Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson and the speaker of parliament, Thage Peterson.

BUSH: A Different Style

(Continued from page 1)

that both Mr. Bush and the Secret Service would have to bend a little.

Spontaneity could enhance the risks to a president, he said, but it could also provide extra protection, since no one would know in ad-

vance where he was going. Mr. Parr suggested that M. Bush might not fully realize yet how much more difficult it would be to move easily as president.

Aides pointed out that a quality of mischievousness could be seen around the White House, where Mr. Bush has tended to move so quickly that he often slipped away from some of the Secret Service

But everyone who knows Mr. Bush said that he was an extremely responsible man who did not defy limits placed on him, and that he was, above all, a courteous man. "There's something very boyish

ses. "We have a real chance of creating a council of national consensus."

about him in this respect, almost impish," said C. Boyden Gray, 42

Bush confident. "I think he'll be sensitive about gumming up traffic with the Secret Service. If it means irritating people with a long caravan of cars, it could curb his appetite for spontaneity. But he will try to go out when the mood hits him. And I think people will find it re-

leaders not only fail to put an end

(Continued from page 1) to these criminally arbitrary practices, the pressure and the threats against innocent people," it said, but often directly connive in these

illegal actions and even take an immediate part in them." The joint statement demanded that the party organizations and governments of Armenia and Azerbaijan "move decisively to stop the flagrant violations of people's con-

stitutional rights." It said that those who allow illegal dismissals on ethnic grounds must be brought personally to ac-count and face punishment, including expulsion from the party, removal from office, and in cases envisaged by law, criminal respon-

The statement said that measures to stamp out the illegal dis-missals should be taken publicly and announced at factories and

through the media. Political analysts said the statement showed the Kremlin's determination to restore law and order to the Transcancasian republics. Mr. Gorbachev met with leaders

of the two republics last week and ordered the creation of a commission, comprising representatives of Azerbaijan, Armenia and the Politburo, to deal with the crisis, He criticized the leaders of both republies for their handling of the dispute and said failure to take necessary steps would worsen the situation.

The trouble was provoked by Armenian demands for control of the territory of Nagorno-Karabakh, now part of Azerbaijan.

(Reuters, AP)

KING SIZE

GORBACHEV: The West Asks, Can He Pull It Off? HUNGARY:

(Continued from page 1) sition of dogmatic Marxists in the party apparatus, who would prefer to modernize the economy without

sive press or greater democracy.

And it includes a public fearful of change, as demonstrated by the cy said the Soviet Union was aware open resentment directed at the new class of private entrepreneurs. and by the apparent revival of brooding zenophobic Russian na-

> edges that he underestimated the sition, he has also reminded Mr. Gorbachev now acknowlstrength of these conservative

This year he mounted a strong counteroffensive. He purged or weakened conservative rivals in the Kremlin, sending holdovers from the Brezhnev era into retirement and isolating his putative chief rival, Yegor K. Ligachev, in the thankless job of running agricul-

He has given the press even greater license to rake up the sins of Stalin and Brezhnev, and opened the debate on the future of socialism to longtime outcasts such as the human rights advocate Andrei D. the past four summit meetings, was Sakharov and the dissident historian Roy A. Medvedev. He has grown steadily more radi-

and greater integration with the outside world. He has pushed through a far-

to modernize the economy without the discomforts of a more aggresgreater power to elected legislators and independent courts and rendering the course of change "irre-

All of this has demonstrated Mr. Gorbachev's nimbleness as a politician, his toughness, and his capacity for compromise.
But in consolidating his own po-

supporters how much the drama of change in the Soviet Union depends on this one compelling but mortal figure. It may be that Mr. Gorbachev cannot decentralize power until he controls it, but his steady accumu-

lation of authority has somehow left him appearing both lonely and imperial. Armenia and Estonia have taught the world this year that conservative resistance is just one of Mr. Gorbachev's worries. Ethnic impatience is another, immediate

The Soviet leader has failed so far to find any unifying ideology— a new patriotism or Soviet pride of many nationalisms.

satisfy public demands for a quick improvement in the standard of living, he faces the danger of similar oprisings from consumers and workers

But the disorders in his domain are also signs that people have be-gun to take Mr. Gorbachev at his word - faster than he reckoned. In the republics of Armenia and Azerbaijan, the result seems dan-gerously intractable, an explosive situation that Mr. Gorbachev's

more anthoritarian critics can cite to prove the dangers of liberty. But in the Baltic republics of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, Mr. Gorbachev seems convinced that compromise and restraint will prevail over impatience and anti-Russian feeling. If he is right, the po-tential reward is a Baltic economic success that may become an example for other regions of the country.

If success is defined as catching

up with the West, few, even among Mr. Gorbachev's admirers, can quite imagine it. The leap across a chasm of psychology is so vast. If success is defined more gener-

ously, as continuing at some pace on the path toward a more normal Soviet Union, then the question to counteract the divisive stresses Can he pull it off? — is still very

VIETNAM: Plan to Trim Army

age terms," he said.

ist countries in ASEAN.

the size of the army even further.

Recent reports in the Vietnamese media have linked postwar budget constraints to a serious decline in

military morale and discipline. Of-

ficers and troops complain of low pay and shortages of food, uniforms, fuel, transport and medical

The result, the reports said, has

been cases of corruption, stealing and diversion of military activity

into food production and private

Nguyen Xuan Oanh, an eco-

nomic adviser to the Vietnamese

labor force will not have as sharp

an impact as it would in other

Since the end of the Vietnam

War in 1975, a large number of troops have been working on devel-

that also produced goods for the

civilian economy.

General Quyet, speaking on the state radio, said the revamped army (Continued from page 1) lecturer at the Australian Defense Force Academy in Canberra and a ty, combat efficient and constantly specialist on Vietnam. modernized."

The army has 1.1 million fulltime soldiers reinforced by three million trained reservists, he said. The navy, naval infantry, air force and air defense units contain about 150,000 men. There is also a border defense force of 60,000 and various paramilitary groups totaling 1.5 "Vietnam's military establish-

ment thus numbers well over five million," Mr. Thayer said, or 8 percent of the population of 63 mil-Western intelligence sources estimate that in recent years, from onethird to one-half of the Victnamese

national budget has been allocated Hanoi-based diplomats said a ta-pering off of Soviet military aid in the last few years and a near col-lapse of the economy had made development of a leaner military force imperative. Shortages of all kinds, galloping inflation and a fall in state revenue have compelled the government to cut spending.

Mexican Leader Shifts Governor

MEXICO CITY - President Carlos Salinas de Gortari, in a move seen as a concession to the political opposition, has appointed the governor of Michoacan state. Martinez Villacaña, to become director of federal roads and

Opposition groups in Michoacan had accused Mr. Martinez Villacaña, a member of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, of violating the public trust and of using torture and other repressive measures against political opponents. His appointment to the federal post was made after a weeklong occupation of official buildings by supporters of the opposition.

Michoacan state is a stronghold of Cuauhtémoc Cardenas, the country's main opposition leader.

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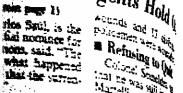
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Alaïa: Late Starter, but Still Clinging to the Curves ARIS — Danielle Mitterrand I was waiting; Grace Jones and Kenzo were chatting; Jean-Paul after the rest of the Paris designers He sticks limpet tight to the female Gaultier was grinning; Patrick Kel-

hour and a half late and five weeks

Remaining faithful to the female form, Azzedine Alaïa's dresses stress the bosom; backstage, the designer presses the product.

The 'Universal' Photos of Boubat

By Susannah Patton

Pharis — Edouard Boubat calls himself a "universal" photogra-pher. At 65, he has journeyed vide-

ly as a photojournalist, yet is as

renowned for his photographs of

Paris as for those documenting life

In May, Boubat was awarded the Hasselblad prize for photography,

an honor he shares with such mas-

ters as Ansel Adams, Irving Penn

and Henri Cartier-Bresson. Having

just returned from accepting the prize in Sweden, he says "the joy of

winning the prize is double because

it was totally unexpected." (Some

spontaneous, whether his subject is

her head in Ghana or an old wom-

an resting with a goose on her lap in a market in Cabors in Southwest-

In his cluttered Parisian apart-

ment, Boubat speaks of his life and of his work, which he says are "in-

separable." The sunlit front room is

filled with remnants of past so-

journs and numerous photographs. Noel, his cat who gained fame in

"Partition," a portrait in which the

feline peers over a musical score,

"I owe everything to photogra-phy," says Boubat. At 20, Boubat

was a student at the Ecole Estienne

in Paris, where he studied graphic arts and engraving. Although he never studied photography, he was drawn to the profession by the

prospect of adventure and by the

mysterious quality of the photo-graphic process. He began to take pictures of his sister's friends,

among them Lella, who would be-

come the subject of perhaps his

boat in Brittany, portrays the wom-an's profile illuminated against a

dark background, where the face of

another woman is barely visible. Lella, her face and torso turned

diagonally, as she gazes into an

unknown distance, in gauze blouse

and black brassiere, has become a

Boubat and Lella lived together

symbol of sensuality and beauty.

for two years in Montmartre, shar-

ing four rooms with Séguis, a another woman whose dark and mys-

terious face often appears, with

beguiling smile, alongside Lella, adding intrigue to the photographs.

A book of portraits of Lella was

published in 1987. A collection of

37 photographs taken between 1945 and 1950 in Paris and Britta-

"Lella," a portrait taken on a

best-known photograph.

lies sleepily in the corner.

crn France.

in foreign lands.

commonplace scenes in his native show his pictures, along with Rob-

of his photographs also were fea-tured in the recent Rapho agency exhibition at the Pompidou Cen-

Boubat expresses this "joy in the unexpected" in his photographs. He is able to capture people and scenes at their most natural and

a young woman carrying a fish on her head in Ghana or an old wom-

ernational Herald Tribune

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— it was to tears and cheers from form and to his sexist silhouette. who went up on the balcony of the charm that gives the designer a spe-sell in the Alaia boutique she has

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their Parisian wanderings and dur-

ing trips to the Brittany coast.

Above all the photos describe, in Boubat's words, "a love story" be-

tween the photographer and his

In 1951, Boubat was invited to

ert Doisneau, Brassaï and Izis, at

the gallery of the La Hune book-

store. This led to assignments for

the magazine Réalités and eventu-

ally to a staff position for 20 years.
"I have photographed what is

close and also what is very distant,"

says Boubat, "but even strangers can become close." In one picture

a woman stares into the distance

standing on a New York subway

Like Doisneau and Willy Ronis.

expressing the most basic aspects

these young photographers cele-brated their city and its people. "It's finished, this era," says Bou-

"I won't cry over the end of the

1950s," he adds. "I think it is the

duty of artists to continue to the end. My life didn't stop there."

been represented by the Rapho agency, founded in 1933 by Charles

Rado and reopened after the war

by Raymond Grosset. Described

by Boubat as "e kind of family," Rapho is also the agency of Dois

Expressing enthusiasm for the

work of American photographers,

Boubat notably speaks of Eugene Smith. "I received a phone call one

day and was told that Smith was in

Paris for a short time and that I was

the only person he wanted to see,"

"Photography is e worldwide movement," says Boubal. "Our work travels by postcard, by book or by exhibition. Perhaps in Ameri-

ca people are more apt to recognize

An updated version of the book,

"Boubat," published by Contrejour Editions, is due to appear this month. "I have always been lucky

enough to have been slightly well

his art lies in the subtlety of "sug-

gestion" and in his desire "not to do too much."

But Boubat has not left every-

thing to circumstance. "We must

be a little crazy," he says. "We must invent our own lives." His own en-

ergy and enthusiasm propel him through life, meeting people and

taking pictures all along the way.

"I'm lucky to do what I like,"

Boubat insists that the secret of

photography as an art form.

known," he says.

ny, this short book captures the says Boubai, laughing. "But in poetic spirit of adventure that Boutruth," he adds, "I don't know how

bat, Lella and Seguis shared during to do anything else."

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neau and Ronis.

Since the early 1970s, Boubat has

bat. "But I will continue."

Jacqueline Schnabel, whose Alaïa's spring/summer show. He coats, swirling out over pants -

SUZY MENKES

full-skirted sundresses perilously suspended from bra tops. Typical Alaïa touches were vest dresses slung from double straps and shapely punched suede jackets over stretch dresses. He also has a special spectrum of colors: apple green, mustard yellow, eggplant and a tasty crushed raspberry.

The show worked best when Alaïa did what he likes best: stroking fabrics across the body for stripy separates or using fine knit for short playsuits that looked

fresh, summery and sporty.

A new long line, stretching tubular dresses down to mid-calf, was very unconvincing - awkward in

Celebrations And Rumors At Chaumet

D ARIS - Place Vendôme - the I womb of French high jewelry holds a seasonal celebration Tuesday, with the square grassed over, imported trees sparkling with snowflakes and diamonds by the

Behind its festive facade Chaumet, once a princely jeweler in the square, is the subject of new rumors. The firm collapsed 18 months ago when the brothers Jacques and Pierre Chaumet - ninth generation of a family that once served Napoléon and Queen Victoria - filed for bankruptcy and were arrested. The firm was sold in 1987 to Investcorp, the Arabian In-

vestment Banking Corp. Chaumet has since launched two new lines, and a second Paris boutique opens on Avenue George V next week. The managing director, Jean Bergeron, is looking for further investment and the luxury goods conglomerate Louis Vuitton has been suggested.

"But this is just a false rumor," said Vuitton's president, Henry Racamier, Monday. "There was a time back in early 1986, when we were very interested, but not now We know the conditions and how much is involved and we are not in that league. We have just bought couture Givenchy and we have a lot of things to do for ourselves."

- SUZY MENKES

The bosom is the focus for Far more successful were long pants, which were the linchpin of other Paris collections.

Alaïa made transparency - a general Paris story — an important theme. Almost everything came see-through: airy mesh coats, short and longer dresses in gossamer fine knit. All these were worn over the Alaīa body suit, which now has longer legs cut into shorts instead of being sliced away at the thigh. Bodices bared one shoulder and showed a lot of bosom through the lacy cobwebs. There was a whiff of

Greece in the one-shoulder dresses. full-skirted nymph tunics and in embroidered hemlines. Evening outfits were pert and sexy, with crochet minishifts echo-ing the 1960s and an adorable top and skirt worked in strings of

pearls à la Josephine Baker. But in a fashion world too often fixated on the past, Alaïa is alweys modern. If his stretch and cling line sometimes looked familiar, it is because he gave it to the rest of the

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U.S. Treasure Hunt Sparks Debate

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Finding the "joy of the unexpected" in a market in Cahors.

Boubat's best-known photo of his muse, Lella.

WELLFLEET, Massachusetts — Off the shores of Cape Cod, researchers and treasure hunters are

digging up relics from a pirate ship, the Whydah, that may shed light on 18th-century seafaring outlaws. But the salvage team, which is licensed and supervised by government agencies, has had trouble getting

respect for one reason: The operation is for profit.

"Professional archaeology and commercial exploitation are irreconcilable," said Paul F. Johnston, curator of Maritime History at the Peabody Museum in

Johnston is the chairman of the Society for Historical Archaeology's Advisory Board for Underwater Archaeology. The society is sponsor of a rare meeting in January of archaeology groups. The organizers have refused to allow presentation of a paper from the archaeologist directing the excavation. "It certainly is a shock to be snubbed by colleagues," said Christo-pher E. Hamilton, the Whydah project's principal archaeologist.

That the Whydah is a commercial venture should be unimportant, said James W. Bradley, a member of the Massachusetts Board for Underwater Archaeological Resources, which is monitoring the excavation.

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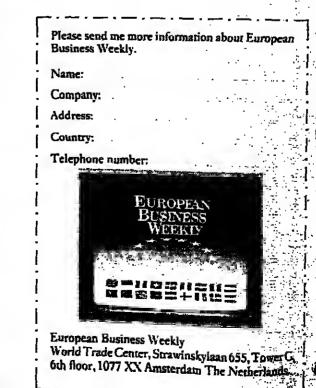
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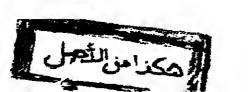
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Following the cease-fire between Iran and Iraq, Sharjah is emerging with new-found confidence as it prepares for more industrial diversification and a dramatic increase in its tourist industry. It is one of the richest Gulf emirates in natural resources and scenery. No wonder it is known as the "emirate with a smile."

Diversification and New Investments

LONG the Comiche and in Al Boorj Avenue, Sharjah's mini-Wall Street, there is growing activity. The business offices and banking halls are coming alive again. The number of passengers using the airport has risen dramaocally by more than 80 percent, the ports of Mina Khalid and Khor Fakkan are working almost non-stop, and the luxury hotels are filling up as businessmen and tourists alike return to Sharjah, the third largest of the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Considerable new investment is flowing into the emirate. It has just started its own television service, and recent international cricket matches have made Sharjah a household name in sporting circles. Now Sharjah is bracing itself for the biggest tourism boom in UAE history, as European tour operators take block bookings in the luxury hotels on the seafront and on the Arabian Sea at Khor Fakkan.

Sharjah, perhaps one of the more familiar Middle East names to Western ears because of its pioneering role as a major transit airfield in the 1930s and again in World War II, is an ancient maritime city that harmoniously blends the old and the new. Sharjah traders in their dhows used to ply their goods throughout the Gulf and farther afield to the Indian subconoinent.

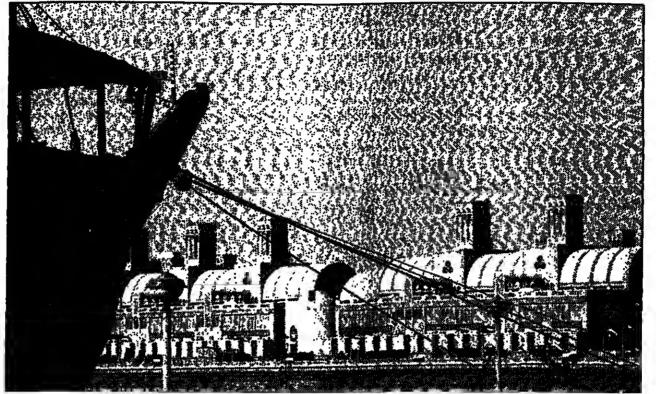
Today, the creek flowing through Sharjah City to form a natural harbor on the Gulf, once in danger of silong up, has been dredged and turned into a modern port with the latest cuntainer handling facilities. It also serves as an important base for the offshore oil services industry. Part of the creek has been converted into a pleasure lake, the Khalid Lagoon, with a tree and shrub-covered park on Al Jazira Island. Traffic circles covered with flowers and palms bring havens of greenery to the city with its magnificent Central Souk to which rourists flock from all over the UAE. One such traffic island carries the legend in flowers: "Smile, you are in Sharjah." Nothing could be nearer the truth today.

"Yes, Sharjah is flourishing," says Sheikh Mohammed al-Hajiri, director of tourism and of civil aviation. By Costa del Sol or Turkish standards the visitor trade is relatively tiny, but the prospects are significant for Gulf emirates like Sharjah. "We expect at least 15,000 tourists in Sharjah alone," says Sheikh Mohammed.

"Now that the cease-fire has taken effect we can already see a change in attitude by Europeans who believed we were in the middle of a war zone. Nothing could have been farther from the truth, but the image in Europe and other parts of the world was that we were always in trouble in Sharjah. It was never the case and people are beginning to realize it at last," he adds. "Already we are at the beginning of a boom period. I am sure about that. People are more relaxed, there is more business coming, more investment — and, of course, more rourists."

Unlike much of the UAE, Sharjah is fortunate in having extensive beach facilities and most of its hotels are on waterfront sites. Some are on the edge of the lagoon, others directly facing the sea. Some distance from the other hotels is

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Sharjah's Souk, a striking building thronged with shoppers every evening.

the magnificent pyramid-like Continental, dominating one of the entrances to the creek. It has its own splendid beach. On the east coast at Khot Fakkan is the now flourishing Oceanic Hotel with some of the best underwater swimming

Within an hour's drive of Sharjah city is a variety of scenery, from towering desert sand dunes and fossilized forests, to rich alluvial plains green with culovation and high rugged mountains scorched dry by the sun. There are old forts, some built by Portuguese and British invaders, an ancient mud-brick city now deserted and preserved, and small, tradioonal Arab villages still untainted by many of the trappings of the 20th century. For the visitor it all presents a new scene, a taste of what everyone in Sharjah likes to call "the Arabian experience."

But there is much more to Sharjah than just tourism, although leisure activities, which include camel racing and world-class cricket, are high on the list of attractions.

Investors are also playing the field and the economy is picking up again after the oil price recession. The economy, as one Western banker points out, "is pretty small, so it is much easier to balance the books." Sharjah relies largely on its revenues from the oil and gas industry, and in particular from the sale of condensate from the Sajaa Field and oil from the Mubarak offshore field near Abu Musa Island.

As production of condensate is not limited by OPEC restrictions, Sharjah should have been able to maximize its revenues. However, there have been some local difficuloes over payments to Amoco, the joint-venture operator, from the UAE's Emirates General Petroleum Company (EGPC), its main customer. About 80 percent of the emirate's revenue is derived from oil and gas and total government revenue from these sources is expected to reach about \$250 million

this year. The United States is the biggest purchaser of condensate, to the tune of about \$175 million a year.

Under the perceptive leadership of Sharjah's ruler Dr. Sultan Bin Mohamed al Qasimi and the executive council formed last year, continued attention is being given to the long-term economic development plan.

The Emirates Industrial Bank's latest study shows that the largest proportion (30 percent) of all new commercial investment in the UAE has been going to Sharjah. Diversification of the economy, as in other Gulf countries, is the guiding factor. Nowhere is this more true than in Sharjah. In just one example of enterprise, its merchants export and have furniture showrooms in New York and London. Almost every heavy-duty plastic sack used in Arabia is made by Sadco, a Sharjah company. Other consumer items and foods are exported throughout the Gulf as the "Made in Sharjah" label gains a higher profile. Recycling waste metal and scrap is also becoming big business for the emirate.

Commenting on the investment climate, Sheikh Mohamed Bin Salim al Qasimi, president of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, says there has been an 80-percent increase in the number of companies applying for licenses.

"There is considerable diversification raking place, too. We are getting all kinds of activities from both big and small companies, small trading offices and many consultants — lawyers and engineers. We have a lot more investment moving in," adds Sheikh Mohamed.

Also under active consideration is a plan to create a new idea in free zones in the Gulf. The whole emirate is soon to be designated a free zone and will offer a complete package of attractive incentives for new investors. "We will offer the

Emirate to Be a Free Zone ORE companies than ever before are movin

ORE companies than ever before are moving into Sharjah, according to Sheikh Mohamed Bin Salem Sulran al Qasimi, president of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry. "We have had an 80 percent increase in the number of applications for new licenses this year," he added. This reflects the fact that between 30 and 40 percent of all new investment in the UAE in the last year has been in Sharjah, which probably has the most diversified local manufacturing base in the Gulf.

In July the Chamber listed 234 new companies, of which 133 were professional firms (lawyers, consultants); 96, trade and commmerce; and five, new industrial ventures. This was 27 percent more than in the same month last year. The overall increase for the first half of this year has been nearly 29 percent. Exports and reexports from the emirare increased by 65 percent during July.

Recent start-ups have included a joint Japanese DH 22 million (\$2 million) paper processing plant, a DH 10 million iron and steel recycling works and a DH 18 million Heinz packaging and food processing factory.

Now the main issue discussed on Boorj Avenue, the principal business street, is how Sharjah can best prepare itself to meet opportunioes arising from the ceasefure between Iraq and Iran. The general feeling is that there will be a gradual increase in activity rather than a sudden boom.

In any case, Sharjah is determined to get a large share of the estimated \$300 billion worth of construction and reconstruction which will take place in the two war-stricken countries. The main opportunity, according to the Chamber of Commerce, is probably supplying all kinds of building materials and consumer goods. It also sees golden opportunities for local and joint-venture construction companies. As one of the Gulf ports closest to Iran, Sharjah has considerable advantages to exploit.

"The needs of building and reconstruction industries in both countries will vary according to each stage. First, they will need building materials, spare parts, foodstuffs, textiles, grains and sugar. Secondly, they will need industrial raw materials, sanitary equipment, furniture and furnishings, electrical appliances, household tools and, later, other consumer goods," states the Chamber.

Those coming into Sharjah are likely to benefit from the substantial new incentives currently being proposed to the government by the Chamber of Commerce. With the already liberal artitude that prevails in the emirate toward new business, Sheikh Mohamed can see little point in creating the kind of free zone, or free port, adopted by other authorioes in the region. "We have no need for the conventional free zone idea. We are going to become one big 'free zone' by changing the legislation throughout the emirate," he explains.

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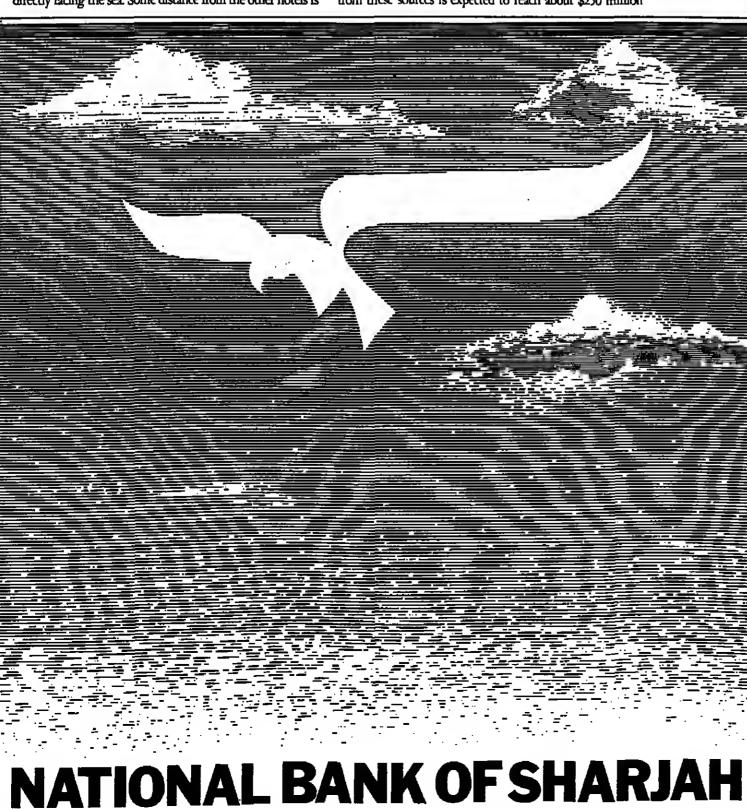
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Deep-Water Ports Increasingly Busy

EW developments in container ships may herald increased activity for Sharjah Ports Authority, which operates two deep-water ports -Mina Khalid on the west coast and Khor Fakkan on the Arabian Sea. Sharjah is the only emirate to have a port on both sides of the peninsula, which gives it a

strategic advantage over other Gulf states, as the war between Iran and Iraq showed. Now it hopes to capitalize on the fact that various lines began to use Khor Fakkan during the war to avoid high-risk areas, and learned that cargoes unloaded at Khot Fakkan could be trucked to anywhere within the United Arab Emirates and also farther afield.

Sharjahport officials claim that Khor Fakkan will

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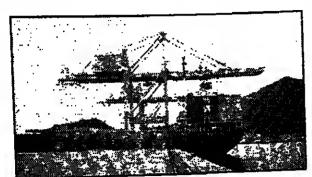
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tinue to develop as a vital feeder station for the Indian subcontinent and the Gulf. Shipping lines are now ordering the next generation of container ships to carry

nomical proposicion, as a seven-day voyage up to the north of the Gulf would add up to \$175,000. But a small feeder service operating in the Gulf, picking up con-



Unloading a West German ship at Sharjah's east coast port in Khor Fakkan.

between 2,500 and 3,500 containers; it will no longer be economical for them to sail up the Gulf for small loads; high operating costs of about \$25,000 a day minimum make this an unecotainers from Khor Fakkan, makes sense. Costs would drop dramatically.

It is still too early to judge the effect of the ceasefire on shipping move-ments. In 1987 Khor Fakkan handled 61,219 TEUs (20foot-equivalent units) but by the end of June this year it had already exceeded than number by 7,000 TEUs, more than half of which were for transshipment. Principal lines calling ar Khor Fakkan include DSR, Polish Ocean, GIL, Senator and CSE.

"We think that the future trend will show an increase in container handling on the east coast," comments Mike Todd of Gulftainer, the company which operates Sharjahport's con-

does not mean that Mina Khalid is going to diminish in importance. One of its chief advantages is that it is "the port within the city" and local merchants can receive their goods literally minutes after customs clearance. This is particularly impottant for the "reefer" (chilled or reftigetated goods) trade. Another of Sharjahport's strengths is the highly efficient documentation and container tracking system between the rwo ports. Cargo offloaded at Khor Fakkan can be trucked to Sharjah still in bond.

Sheikh Saud Bin Khalid Bin Sultan al-Qasimi, chaitman of Sharjah's Ports and Customs authority, recognizes the importance of speed and efficiency. Commenong on the advantage of Sharjahport, and in particular of the overland route linking the two ports, he says it can best be summed up in one word: "convenience."

Sharjah, which has a long seafaring tradition, is able to build on its geographical advantages concerning sea-air transport. Its international airport is only a 20-minute drive from Mina Khalid or from Dubai's airport. Combined sea-air freight operations have been increasing rapidly in the UAE and Sharjah, where Khor Fak-

vessels and 72 container kan is better placed than its ships. The port has the carivals to take advantage of pacity to accept 250,000 the growing demand. Last TEU containers a year. year the airport handled Two passenger ferries to nearly 20,000 tons of cargo. and from Iran, carrying boosted by the sea-air cle-

ment, and a 50 percent inweek, also operate from the crease is anticipated this port. There has been an increase in general cargo from "Sea-ait cargo is definitely Iran, mainly fruit, vegetables one of the big things now," and sesame seeds. Sharjahsays Mr. Todd, "and a lot of port, like every other port in people are making money the Gulf, is waiting to see out of it. By using Khor indicators of the long-term Fakkan we can get containoutcome of the ceasefire. ets trucked within two "But we are quite sure we hours to any airport in the shall benefit in some way," UAE except Abu Dhabi." comments the management. Mina Khalid has gained an enviable reputation for its lack of red tape and the efficient handling of all its port operations. "There is no hassle; we are here to

ny which operates 11 vessels out of the port, finds lack of congestion repriority factor.
"We lave been made very welcome here," comments one of their senior managers. Major container lines using Mina Khalid include the Oasis group Macrsh, Norasia and four Japanese lines (NYK, MOL K Line and Y-S Line). General cargo carriers include Castle and Cooke,

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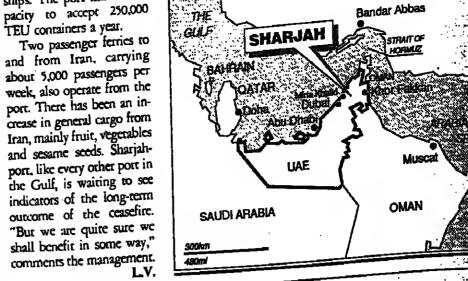
UASC. The port handled 38,460 TEU containers in the first eight months of this year compared to 70,328 last year. Nearly 600 vessels called at the port during the same period, 184 general cargo

West Reefer, Fruitex and

Many of the local banks, leading business houses and the Chamber of Commerce are locared on Al-Boorj Avenue - the Wall Street of Sharjah, Among other local banks are the Bank of Sharjah and Invest Bank of Trade and Finance LLC. The oldest foreign bank is the British Bank of the Middle

problems now. I can see a very positive future and there is a lot more purchas-

ing power here, too."



Gas, Lube Oil Top Exports

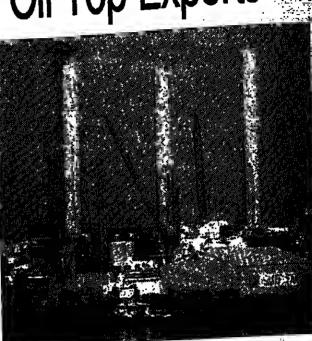
HARJAH'S most significant hydrocarbon resource is the Sajaa gas condensare field which is about 23 miles inland from the town. This has been developed by the Amoco Sharjah Oil Company, which was awarded a 35-year concession in November, 1978. The first commercially viable gas condensate reservoir was discovered in 1980; since then more than 16 othcr wells have been drilled and are connected to the separation plant.

The first shipments of condensate were made in 1982 from the small harbor at Hamriyah, which has special storage and loading facilities. Hamriyah is connected to the gas processing plant by a 16-mile pipeline, and an eight-mile underwater extension provides additional loading capacity in deepwater for tankers up to 250,000 rons. Production of condensate now exceeds 60,000 barrels a day. An LPG (liquefied petroleum gas) recovery plant was built in 1983 after a joint venture company, SHALCO, was formed between the government, Amoco, C. Itoh and Tokyo Boeki. The plant went into full production just over a year ago.

ed products, sold throughout the UAE, the GCC countries and other neigh-Amoco Sharjah's main boring states. Sharjah Napaying gas customer is Dutional Lube Oil Co. (built in bai, which uses the fuel for

1976) was the first oil blending plant in the UAE.

Falcon Oil Co., established in 1979, markets a comprehensive range of products for automotive, marine and industrial use. It was the first company in the UAE to use branded lubricants (Falcon Super Lubricants) and is now introducing a new high-performance diesel engine oil. All oils and lubricants undergo strict quality controls. Sharlu, a GCC company, is an inde-pendent blender and takes on contract work for customers with patticular



Smit Tak, major users of Mina Khalid port.

its power stations and desali-

nation plants. Revenue from

this sale is about \$38 million

a year and is expected to

double as production in-

creases in 1989. However,

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Banking Sector Invests in Future

VEN before the Iran-Iraq cease-fire there were positive signs of improvement in the overall economy. As Gordon Abernethy, chief executive and general manager of the National Bank of Sharjah. points out: "Trading activities have been picking up since the beginning of the

The traditional Gulf merchants had found they were losing out on their trade, particularly with Iran, because both Iran and Iraq had been meeting their needs by importing goods overland through Tutkey and the Eastern bloc. "But we expect there will be a return to old friends once things have settled down," comments Mr. Abernethy. There are signs that this is happening. Business activity has been picking up and the banks are looking for new roles to play both in trade finance across the Gulf and in the recon-

struction industry. Sharjah, although dependenr on revenues from its hydrocarbon resources for 80 percent of its income, has made positive attempts to reschedule its outstanding debts of approximately \$1.1 billion. Of this amount. \$239 million is syndicared international debt and the remainder is due mainly to local bank debt including \$200 million previously ser-viced by Abu Dhabi. Following discussions between the National Bank and the government, a new rescheduling plan has been worked our which involves paying off some 230 million this year and slightly more each year until 1992.

With judicious pruning of some infrastructure pro-

jects and greater involvement of the private sector in financing construction, most economists believe that Sharjah is now plotting a safe course for economic-

growth.

Sharjah's main problem is delayed payments for gas sales to Emirares General Pettoleum Company (EGPC), a UAE federal agency. Sharjah sources report that the first major payment of \$380 million, a little more than half the total owed, may be forthcoming. "If that really happens it will have a terrific impact on the economy," comments

Mr. Abernethy. Sharjah is fortunare in having gas condensare as one of its resources. This commands a premium and its production does not fall within an OPEC constraint. lust one more dollar on the market price would mean an extra \$15 million a year on projected revenues from condensates sales.

Ir also sells gas ro Dubai and revenues this year are expected to bting in at least \$38 million, with another \$150 million to \$175 million from the sale of condensates (the United States is the largest buyer), which would bring total revenue for the

year to at least \$250 million. Last year the National Bank made a profit of DH 22 billion (almost \$7 billion), a satisfactory performance that is likely to continuc as the economy picks up again. Most bankers and businessmen are optimistic. Abdulrahman Mohamed Bukhatit, chairman of Bukhatit Investments in Sharjah and one of its most prominenr cirizens, says: "I don't think we have any great

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cheapest rates anywhere in the UAE," says Sheikh Moharned. "Who needs a free zone' when our whole emitare can become a 'free zone' in itself?"

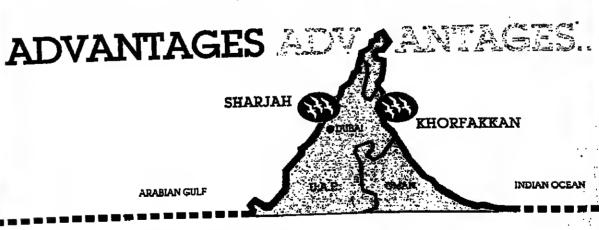
One of the emirate's showpieces is the great Expo Center, an exhibition hall which stages some of the biggest trade and consumeroriented shows in the Gulf. At the end of November it staged Expo '88, the main event of the year, with 33 companies coming in from all over the Arab world and Europe. With its liberal actitude to development and a brighter economic future ahead, and with its cricker, souks, ports, gas and oil, tourists and even furniture in Manhattan, no wonder residents urge you to "Smile, you are in Sharjah." Lee Voysey

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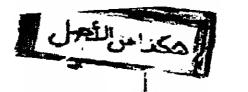
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for tourists are the simplest and fastest anywhere in the tegion and have been streamlined to meet the growing volume of traffic. An added attraction has been the opening earlier this year of the new duty free shopping complex at the airport operated by Tuxedo (Sharjah) Ltd., a member of

movements in 1987 and by the first half of this year had already increased by 28 percent to 6,792. But the biggest increase in the first six months of the year has been that of passenger traffic, which has soared by 87 percent to 593,153. Similarly, there has been a substantial rise - 44 percent - in the

total air freight handled at

the airport, which reached

11,217 tons during the same

Since the airport opened

in 1977 there has been a

steady growth in traffic but

the figures this year indicate

major new trends, partly as a

result of the cease-fire be-

tween Iran and Iraq, which

is boosting tourist traffic as

well as attracting business-

men seeking new opportuni-

ties for investment and trade

The main airport termi-

nal, with four dome-shaped

in the area.

buildings in the Islamic style, has a capacity for handling about 2.5 million passengers per year. But Sheikh Mohammed al-Hajiri, who combines the role of director of civil aviacion with promoter of tourism, believes the time has come to consider expansion plans. He comments: "We are now reach-

ing our maximum capacity

during our very busy peri-

Already a number of im-

provements have been added

to the original airport: new

parking aprons, refueling

points and a cargo terminal.

There are now two cargo

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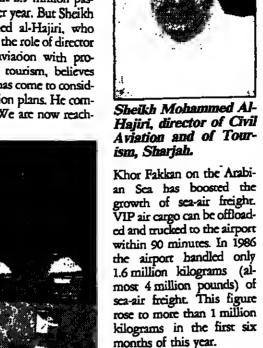
floor space of 7,400 square

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The increased use of

Sharjah's east coast port at

square feet).



One of Sharjah's specialty cargoes is livestock, usually valuable racehorses, for which special ramps and stalls have been built. One of the busiest freight users is TMA (Trans-Mediterranean Airways), which has more than 80 flights a week. Other big users include Martinair, Flying Tigers and HeavyLift Cargo.

As well as adding new facilities for passengers, the airport is also making substantial improvements to its aircraft handling and monitoring systems. All the latest rechnology is being used.

All major services for the airport are managed by Frankfurt Airport Authority on a contract basis with the exception of air traffic control, run by international Aeradio Ltd. Catering is handled by Albert Abela. With the rapidly developing tourist industry and transit traffic the airport will be playing an increasingly important role in Sharjah's new-found prosperity. L.V.



Sheikh Mohammed Al-Hajiri, director of Civil Aviation and of Tour-

NEW duty free shopping complex was opened last September in Sharjah's increasingly busy international airport, now one of the main tourist gateways to the United Arab Emirates. It joins the growing number of airport duty free shops in the region that offer an entirely new concept in air passenger services. Shariah, with its slogan

Duty Free Shop Is Airport Oasis

The world's only duty free oasis," is semi-circular and covered by a bedouin canvas tent, highly popular with the 3,000 passengers who use the airport daily. The complex is being managed by a local company, Tuxedo (Sharjah) Ltd., a subsidiary of the well-established Swiss duty free operators Weitnauer. A Swiss architectural student, Marco Zund, created a circular design for the 1,200-square-meter (12,900square-foot) complex, with room for further expansion. The brief for the design was Islamic tradition and be uncluttered and "memorable" from a passenger's point of view. The designer came up with a "floating" tent roof under which are placed the various counters against the outside wall of the main passenger terminal dome. The effect is "cool," and passengers can move freely about the displays and counters.

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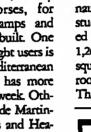
A specially chosen staff of 56, almost entirely Filipinos, has been trained by Weitnauer. "We pride ourselves on being service-oriented," says Salim V. Mohamed, assistant manager. "Also we have to make sure that we have the right balance between service and price. We want to make sure our customers are looked after when they come in here, especially those in transit as they don't have very much time, usually only just over half an hour."

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counters with electronics. cameras, learner goods, cosmetics, perfumes, jewelery and warches. There is also an open area for tobacco and cigarettes. The shop currently stocks around 3,500 different items. The most popular lines at present are cigarettes and tobacco, electronics,

jewelry and perfumes. "At present we are still finding our way and trying to develop the needs of our customers," says Mr. Salim, adding that the average European spends about \$7. Purchasing habits vary enormously. For the many Chinese passengers (it is China Airlines' main transit stop between Europe and the Far East), electronics and gold are the most popular items. "For the Chinese returning home, Sharjah is the last 'Western' stop and they like to buy a lot of gold here,"

adds Mr. Salim Gold is one of the best buys as there is only an average ten percent markup on the gold trading price, and all major credit and charge cards are accepted. So far sales results have exceeded expectations and Tuxedo's management is already considering expanding the sales area by lare 1989.



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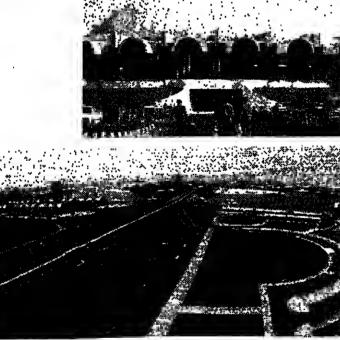
offer incentives which cannot yet be matched by anyone else. And what is more, I think that as far as overall costs are concerned we are at least 35 percent cheaper than anywhere else in the UAE," says Sheikh Mohamed

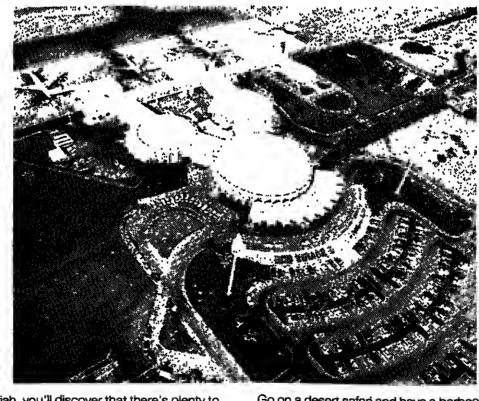
Sharjah's industrial sector has been developing rapidly, partly because of the facilioes it offers for reexports: twin ports and growing seaair cargo activity. The most active sectors are garments and textiles, metal and wood



Sheikh Mohamed Salim Al Qasimi, president, Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

industries, food processing and building materials. There are also many manufacturers of consumer and household goods, such 25 furniture. The best-known local manufacturer is Green-













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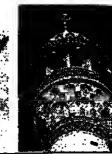
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HE tourists are coming, from Switzerland, Belgium, France, Austria and Britain. Shariah has been "discovered" by the trailblazing tour operators - Imholtz, DSR and Inspirations East - and has become one of

war has ended, the tourist business will boom, as will the rest of our trade here," comments Sheikh Mohammed. Last year, in spite of bad publicity about the wartorn Gulf, Sharjah attracted 4,500 visitors.

Shariah has now intro-

Arabian Sea, with a total bed capacity of 3,174. Some, like for increased tourist activity who has worked tirelessly to promote the image of Shar-

and the opportunity for Europeans to see something of the Oceanic on the east the Arab way of life," says coast, are full at peak holiday periods. A lot of credit goes to Sheikh Mohammed,

Sheikh Mohammed One of the largest hotels is the pyramid-shaped Continental at the end of the comiche, the official hotel for guests and visitors attending the nearby Expo Center for national and international exhibitions. With the growing influx of tourists, business has been picking up this year. "We even have to rum people away now," says Mr. Jonathan Dale-Roberts, general manager, who is expecting substantial numbers of European tourists this winter.

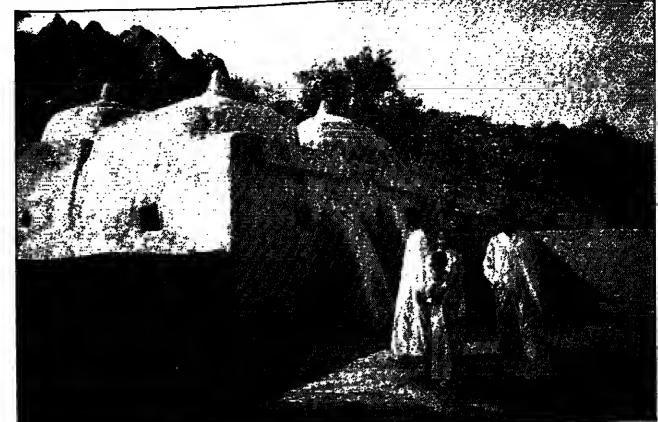
Mr. Nawaz Qureshi, manager of the east coast Occanic Hotel, has similarly high hopes. When he first took over at the hotel in the spring of 1986, hardly a single tourist came. "Last Christmas we were practically full," says Mr. Qureshi.

Miss Inger Rasmussen, Danish assistant general manager of Orient Tours, says there has been a very big increase in bookings for local rours. "We are expecting some 5,000 bookings already," she says.

The company has now invested in a fleet of four luxury coaches and four Toyota Land Cruisers for very popular desert safari excursions. "The tourists really come here because of our magnificent beaches and then for the shopping, which surprises many of them." says Miss Rasmus-

One popular excursion in Sharjah is to visit one of the largest gold factories in the UAE, which employs 300 persons making a variety of gold jewelry.

"There is a definite future and fountains. here for tourism," adds Miss



Khor Fakkan's Al Bediyah Mosque, one of the oldest buildings of its kind in the Gulf.

Cosmopolitan Culture in A Spectacular Landscape

HARJAH is probably the most cosmopolitan city on the northem Gulf coastline. It certainly has style and elegance, wide boulevards, a winding corniche, lakes and parks which set it apart from most other Gulf ciries. Its architecture is outstanding and practical. Somehow it all fits together — the 16 identical eleven-story banking buildings lining Al-Boorj Avenue, the great "tramshed" design of the Central Market, the new Al-Majarrah Souk, the Khor Fakkan Souk, Al-Rolla Square and Jazira Park with their trees and shrubs. Everywhere in Sharjah there are flowers

Throughout the 18th and 19th centuries Sharjah was noted for its Arabic traditions and teachings. Today those traditions have been carried on with the founding of the Islamic Cultural Center and through the emirate's close links with Saudi Arabia. There is also a marine academy and the ruler, Dr. Sheikh Sulran Bin Mohamed al Qasimi, is a man of letters. He mountain desert scenery of the interior. has been to Cairo University and received a doctorate degree from Exercr University

in Britain. Because of their seafaring and trading traditions, Sharjah people tend to be more cosmopolitan in their outlook and have a greater thirst for knowledge, as reflected in their high attendance at the international book fair recently held at the Expo Center.

Sharjah is actively promoting its many advantages as a tourist destination for the discerning visitor. Local tour operators, like Orient Tours, organize excursions to main areas of interest throughout the country, including Khor Fakkan's beaches and the spectacular

The drive to the east coast and Sharjah's twin city of Khor Fakkan is spectacular, as the new road sweeps across the desert, past the green hinterland, up through mountain passes and back down again to the Indian Ocean. The mounrains are bare and rugged, but here and there in the spring and winter a mountain stream dashes sparkling

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Beach at the Oceanic Hotel, Khor Fakkan.

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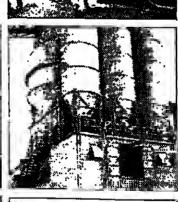
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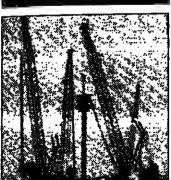
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Cricket Gains in **Popularity**

BDULRAHMAN Bukhatir, one of Sharjah's leading businessmen, will be written into cricket history as the



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Abdulrahman Bukhatir has been supporting cricket in Sharjah for more than 11 years. The local league bears his name and he is either a spectator at Friday league games or playing for his side, Bukhatir Investments.

Mr. Bukhatir, among the most influential business-

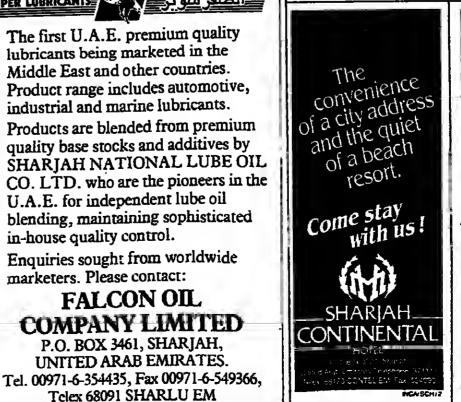


Cricket has fans in Sharjah: a match between the West Indies and Pakistan.

men in Sharjah, enjoys the support of the ruling Qasimi family, whose members often attend the matches. Bukhatir Investments is

the holding company of a business empire covering banking, construction, commodities, trade and hotels. Mr. Bukhatir learned to

play cricket while he was a student in Karachi, Pakistan, and spent hours watching the great Pakistani batsman Hanif Mohammad. His Bukharir league now boasts 40 teams and cricket is second only to football in popularity among Sharjah sports fans.



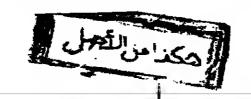
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Japanese Stocks to Feel **Effects of Futures Trading**

By KAORU AKIYAMA

INTERNATIONAL STOCK MARKETS

OKYO — The Tokyo and Osaka stock exchanges are likely to feel the effects of futures speculation for the first time on Wednesday, the first expiration date since stock index contracts trading started in Japan, traders

"On Dec. 7, the Nikkei average could be affected by some 150 points hy expiry-related speculators," said Louis Tseng, vice president of international trading at Goldman Sachs International Corp. in Tokyo. The average ended at 29,614.68 on Monday. Two stock index futures markets, based on the Tokyo Stock Price Index and the Nikkei 225 index, were opened in Japan in

September.
Fotures market investors. who must settle positions by the last trading day for the December contracts, could try to manipulate the cash market on Wednesday in a last attempt to cut their losses or boost their gains, traders said. Their manipulations would

the indexes, investors may focus on a few influential high-priced stocks.

To manipulate

involve buying stocks to push
the indexes higher if they have taken long positions in the futures
market, or selling issues if they have been short.
"It's a tug of war between the two powers on the last day. But,
in my view, the odds are a little more for the short side," said Mr.

Tseng of Goldman Sachs. Those who have made gains in the current bull market will settle their futures contracts, either by taking an offsetting position or by just waiting for automatic cash delivery, traders said.

Futures positions that are settled by taking an offsetting position must be settled by the last trading day, which is usually the 10th of settled by the last trading day, which is usually

the 10th of every third month.

Positions that are not offset must be settled through final cash delivery based on the actual calculation of the underlying index from the closing price on the last trading day.

Most investors who expect to lose money are said to have already cut those losses. This is evident from the current rapid fall in open positions for December contracts, traders said.

THE NUMBER of open positions, on which initial buys or sells to be settled are counted, was at 5,308 for Nikkei and 6,117 for the Tokyo Stock Price Index, or TOPIX, at Friday's close. This is down from earlier peaks of about 15,000 on

Futures speculators trying to manipulate the cash markets are expected to focus on stocks with major influences on the underlying index, traders said.

Financial stocks account for one-third of the total weighting of TOPIX and a handful of high-priced stocks, such as Sony Corp., can influence the Nikkei 225 index.

A futures trader at Nomura Securities said active trading in stocks regularly targeted by manipulators, such as Katakura Industries Co. and Matsuzakaya Co., can easily move the Nikkei

However, traders said there would be little speculative action on the cash and futures markets before Dec. 7 because of decreasing volume in the December contracts. Since the end of November most trading has been in March 1989 contracts, they said,

In theory, December futures spot contract prices should correspond with the underlying index on Dec. 7. Nikkei spot December futures on Friday closed at 29,630, while the cash index was 29,532.25, and TOPIX futures ended at 2,287, compared with

"But December contracts will move without theory on the last day," said Kazunori Maruyama, manager of futures trading at Tokyo Securities. "It's a new experience, what will happen is still

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Recession **Predicted** For 1990

Economists See U.S. Slowing in '89

Compiled by Our Staff From Dupatches
WASHINGTON — U.S. economic growth will slow considerably in 1989 and tumble into a recession by 1990, according to a survey released Monday by the National Association of Business Econo-

Separately, the Labor Department issued a report that under-scored the fact that the six-year economic expansion is continuing, for oow. The report said that worker productivity rose a revised 1.9 percent in the third quarter of 1988, compared with a 2.4 percent drop in the previous three-month period. The rate for the third quarter of this year previously had been reported as 1.3 percent.

Nonfarm husiness output rose 3.4 percent in the third quarter and the hours worked increased 1.5 percent in the period, from July to September, according in the de-partment's Bureau of Labor Statis-

Hourly compensation also rose. It was up 5.6 percent in the third quarter before adjustment for inflation and 0.8 percent after inflatioo was factored in, the bureau

In the business economists' survey, the average forecast of 66 peo-ple polled last month called for ple polled last month called for inflatioo-adjusted gross oational product growth of 2.5 percent in

Although that is slightly higher than the 23 percent projected by the group in September, it is still be well below the 3.8 percent growth that the economists are expecting

Forty percent of the respondents said they expected the next reces-sion to begin in 1989. A further 48 percent forecast a recession for 1990.

Consumer prices are likely to rise 5.0 percent in 1989 after a projected 4.1 percent increase this year, according to the survey.

The merchandise trade deficit should narrow to \$120 billion in 1989 from \$135 billion in 1988, but the federal budget deficit is likely to fall only \$5 billion, to \$150 billion, the survey said.

A separate survey of oearly 200 members of the group overwhelmhudget deficit should be the top priority of President-elect George

Most economists backed a combination of higher taxes and lower spending to achieve this. They gave only mixed support to Mr. Bush's proposal of a flexible freeze on spending, under which total spend-ing would increase no faster than the rate of inflation but some programs would grow more rapidly

The Labor Department report noted that unit labor costs in the nonfarm business sector rose 3.7 percent overall during the quarter but dropped 0.5 percent for manu-

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Unit labor costs for manufacturers of more expensive, long-lasting goods such as cars and appliances were up 0.4 percent, the bureau

Labor productivity rose 5.2 percent in manufacturing. That was led by a 6.7 percent increase for manufacturers of ocodurable goods and a 4.3 percent rise for makers of durable goods.

A Golden Future for British Steel

Under Thatcherism, 'Absolute Loser' Became a Winner



Sir Ian MacGregor, the Scottish-born American who, after his government appointment as the chair-man of British Steel in 1980, began an assault on labor costs by slashing jobs and closing unprofitable factories. The Ravenscraig plant in Scotland was one of five that survived.

4 U.S. Companies 'Unbundle' Stock

By exchanging the stock units for common shares, the companies in-

tend to lower their costs of capital

hy minimizing interest costs, in-creasing earnings per share and maintaining high credit ratings.

The securities are expected in

trade separately on the New York Stock Exchange, as well as in dif-

ferent combinations or as one unit,

It was less clear what advantages

For companies, it takes the div-

idend payment and makes it an interest cost so part of it is tax deductible," said Ron Morrow, an

analyst with Smith Barney, Harris

Upham & Co. "But for an investor,

I don't see anything advantageous

Ronald Gallatin, a Shearsoo

managing director who developed the new product, said, "By separat-

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units "give investors the opportuni-

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the new stock units would offer to

investors, some analysts said.

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By Steve Lohr New York Times Service

LONDON - The oewly privatized British Steel PLC, whose shares began trading Monday, is probably the most striking example of the Thatch-er government's transformation of British industry

In 1980, the state-owned company was the epit-ome of all that was wrong with British industry: too many employees, recalcitrant unions, demoralized management, medficiency, losses. In fiscal 1980, it lost a stunning \$3.3 hillion, underlining its dubious distinction of being one of the highestcost steel producers in the world.

Now, British Steel is among the world's lowestcost producers. In the fiscal year that ended April 2, it reported a profit of \$758.5 million on sales of \$7.6 hillion. British Steel's resurgence is one of the more

remarkable corporate turnarounds in recent years. "In the late 1970s, British Steel was an absolute loser," said Marcel Genet, a steel industry specialist who is a consultant for McKinsey & Co. in Paris. "Today, it is one of the most efficient steel

producers in Europe."

The company, which set aside 452 million shares for the British public, received applications for more than 1 billion. To make up part of the difference, it reduced the shares alloted to British interiority in the shares alloted to British interiority. institutions and foreign investors.

Heavy trading in the new shares — 109 million changed hands in the first 20 minutes Monday boosted their price on the London Stock Exchange

NEW YORK - Four major

U.S. companies said Monday that

they intended to buy back a total of

\$5 billion of stock hy exchanging

common shares for new securities

Exchange Commission, American

Express Co., Dow Chemical Co.,

Pfizer Inc. and Sara Lee Corp. said

they would make offerings of un-

bundled stock units, each consist-

ing of a 30-year deep-discount

bond, a share of preferred stock

and a certificate for the right to buy a share of common stock.

a oew gimmick in corporate financ-

ing designed to give companies a cost-effective way of buying back shares by spreading out debt over

Details of the offerings indicated

the bonds would pay interest equal in the current dividends on the

common stock, while the yields on

the preferred shares would account

The stock units, developed by Shearson Lehman Hutton Inc., are

called unbundled stock units. In filings with the Securioes and in 62.25 pence (\$1.16), up 2.25 pence from the partly paid offering price. The shares ended the day at that price.

British Steel's transformation is a many-sided story, with several forces working to bring about the change, including a strong worldwide market

It began with the government's decision to force the company in become internationally competitive or perish. Sir lan MacGregor, a bluff, Scottishborn American, was appointed chairman of British Steel in 1980. He saw the oeed to reduce the number of factories, many of which were maintained for political reasons, and drastically cut the oumber of jobs.

Sir lan pressed the case for lower labor cootent in hlunt fashion. "You've got to be able to fire a shotgun down the shop floor and not hit anyone,"

The assault on labor costs has been maintained, even though Sir Ian moved oo to head British Coal in 1983. Since 1980, British Steel has reduced the number of its workers in Britain from 166,400 to 51,600, while the number of man-hours required to produce a ton of steel has declined from 13.2 to 5. It has shut two of its major integrated steelworks, leaving it with five.

To be sure, the steel industry worldwide has shed enormous numbers of workers during the 1980s, notably in the United States and Japan. Yet, by almost any standard, Botish Steel moved swiftly

the stock units.

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(UPI, Reuters)

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German Trade At Record Level **During October**

monthly exports and imports in October and appears likely to re-cord its second straight record an-

nual trade surplus, official figures released on Monday showed.

The Federal Statistics Office said West Germany exported 53.18 billioo Deutsche marks (\$30.91 bilition) worth of goods and took in 42.62 billion DM worth of imports. This gave West Germany an Oc-tober trade surplus of 10.6 billion

DM and a surplus on the current account, a broader measure of trade flows, of 7.9 billion DM, Ulrich Hombrecher, domesuc economist at Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale, said

West Germany's trade surplus could reach 125 billion DM this

Ecocomists said the October figures were in line with expectations. In 1987, West Germany recorded a record trade surplus of 117.5 billion DM and a current account surplus of 79.4 hillion DM.

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- West Germany had record onthly exports and imports in tober and appears likely to an export and imports in October were at record imports in October were at record

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11 said October exports this year
were 9 percent higher than the
48.78 billion DM recorded in October 1987. Imports last month were
10 percent higher than the 38.67
billion posted last year, the statement added.

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West Germany has been criti-cized by the United States, France and other nations because of its large trade surpluses. It has been accused of doing too little to stoke demand for imports and thereby help world expansion at a time when the United States is trying to

narrow its budget deficit.

And economists generally do not expect West Germany's trade surplus to decline significantly next. The current account surplus year because they say exports will could reach 85 hillion DM, Mr. continue in grow at the same rate as

in September, the HWWA economic research institute in Ham-burg forecast that both West German exports and imports would rise by 3 percent to 4 percent next

Booming British Sales Rose by 2% in October

LONDON - Britain was still riding on the crest of a consumer. boom in October, official figures released oo Monday showed, with retail sales rising 2 percent during

The gain surprised many ecocomists. It had been expected that the final figure would be revised down from the preliminary 1.9 percent published three weeks ago.

At the same time, new credit advanced to consumers was £3.45 billion (\$6.45 billion) in October, only slightly below the September level of £3.57 billion

The retail sales news caused an immediate fall in stock prices. On the Londoo stock exchange, the Financial Times 100-share index fell 3.4 points Monday to 1.761.6 after touching a low of 1,748.8 after the figures were announced.

rein in the consumer spending boom by raising interest rates. Bank base rates have been increased to 13 percent from 7.5 per-cent in early June

But economists said they be-lieved that high interest rates would have little effect on credit card users and that such spending would

Nigel Lawson, chancellor of the Exchequer, has been criticized for his handling of the economy, but he has made it clear that he will use interest rates as his major weapon in the fight against inflation, cur-rently running at an annual rate of 6.4 percent.

Buoyant consumer demand in Britain has sucked in-imports of foreign goods, creating a current account deficit that is expected to reach a massive £13 billion this

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NEW YORK - U.S. court documents have indicated a link between Blinder, Robinson & Co., a big penny stockbroker, and leading figures in a \$500 million interna-

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tional securities fraud. The documents, unsealed by a U.S. magistrate in Denver on Thursday, concern a joint investigation by the Internal Revenue Service and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The agencies are investigating what authorities say was an international operation involving the market manipulation of shell companies and the undeclared transfer abroad of the proceeds. Authorities have said that Ar-

nold Kimmes, a former Denver stockbroker who has previous convictions for violating securities laws, was a leading figure in the formation of the shell companies. Mr. Kimmes and his partner, Michael D. Wright of Salt Lake City, Utah, are said to be the main targets of the investigation.

The authorities said the mastermind behind the fraud was Thomas F. Quinn, 51, a disbarred New York lawyer, who is being held in a Paris prison. IRS agents have testified that Mr. Quinn introduced Mr.

associates have been arrested, the European authorities said.

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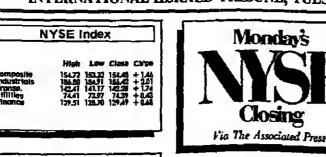
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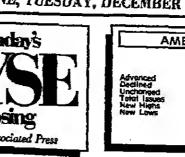
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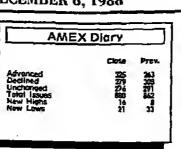
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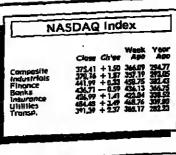
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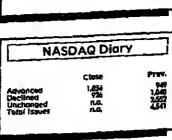
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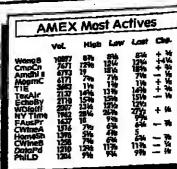




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NEW YORK - Prices were sharply higher in moderate trading on the New York Stock Exchange on Monday as the unveiling of a new type of corporate restructuring plan helped the market rebound from its decline late last week. The Dow Jones industrial average, which fell 9.60 points Friday, jumped 31.48 to close at 2,123.76.

Advances led declines by an 8-5 margin, as Big Board volume rose to 144.66 million shares from 124,62 million traded on Friday. Broad-market indexes also advanced. The

New York Stock Exchange index rose 1.46 to 154.48. Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 3.12 to close at 274.93 The price of an average share gained 30 cents. Larry Wachtel, a market analyst at Prudential-Bache Securities Inc., said the market got a

boost by the announcement of a new type of restructuring plan by four major companies, which stepped up trading among those compa-nies as well as others that seemed likely to The plan comes amid a record takeover boom

that is forcing even the largest companies to be concerned that their stock price currently does not reflect the full value of their businesses. In filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, American Express Co., Dow Chemical Co., Pfizer Inc. and Sara Lee Corp. said they would make offerings of unbundled stock units, each consisting of a 30-year deep-

discount bond, a share of preferred stock and a certificate for the right to buy a share of common stock.

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The stock units, developed by Shearson Lehman Hutton Inc., are a new wrinkle in corporate financing designed to give companies a cost-effective way of buying back shares by spreading out debt over 30 years. By exchanging stock units for common shares, the companies intend to lower their easts of created by grinimizing to lower their costs of capital by minimizing interest costs, increasing earnings per share and maintaining high credit ratings.

Among the companies planning to exchange unbundled units of securities for a portion of their common stock, American Express was up % to 27%. Dow Chemical was up 2 to 86%. Sara Lee was up % to 45% and Pfizer was up 1% to

Other factors fueling the market, Mr. Wachtel said, were the closing of the \$105-a-share Kraft deal by Philip Morris, which will free billions of dollars for reinvestment in stocks and the lack of steps taken by the Federal Reserve Board to raise its discount rate in the wake of Friday's stronger-than-expected November employment report.

Occidental Petroleum was the most active issue, unchanged at 26. The stock goes exdividend on Tuesday.

British Steel PLC followed, up h from its offering price to 11%. The British government has launched its sale of the company, part of its ongoing privatization program.

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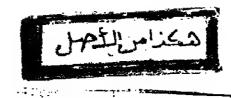
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The mass closing would leave Ames with 318
Zayre and 361 Ames stores. Ames bought Zayre Corp.'s 88-unit discount store division in September.

In Framingham, Massachusetts, Zayre Corp. said that it plans a major restructuring in which it would first spin off its warehouse chubs division, then merge with TJX Cos. of which it owns Zayre said that each TJX share it does not already own would be exchanged for 1.35 common shares of Zayre stock. Zayre also said it would pay shareholders a special cash dividend of about \$3.50 per share in the restructuring.

About two-thirds of the 7,500 to 8,000 employees who will be affected by the store closings are part-time workers, according to Catherine G. Leonard, a spokeswoman for Ames, the No. 3 U.S. discount retailer.

Ames is completely pulling out of Alabama,
Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Wisconsin, she said, with 58 Zayre

reopen Jan. 1 for going-out-of-business sales," Peter B. Hollis, Ames' president and chief executive officer, said in a statement. The cuts reportedly could save Ames about \$50 million annually. Jeffrey Edelman, an industry analyst for Drexel Burnham Lambert, Inc., said the closings were "previously expected" and that the company had already set aside an undisclosed amount for the immediate costs. Ames projects \$5.4 billion in sales at its remaining stores in the upcoming year. Italian Brokers' Chief, Fumagalli, Steps Down MILAN — The chairman of the Executive Committee of Italian stockbrokers, Ettore Fumagalli, announced Monday that he would give up his position at the end of his third term, after six years in office. On Dec. 15, the brokers will elect a new committee, which will choose a new chairman.

ing Monday that he wanted to devote more effort to his "European commitment." He noted that Italy had recently won the chairmanship of the Stock Markets Committee of the European Community. He noted that during his period in office, the number of listed companies in Milan rose from 139 to 211. Market capitalization rose fivefold, from 34 trillion lire to 170 trillion (\$27 billion to

Mr. Fumagalli told the brokers' annual meet-

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Jury Orders Lilco

NEW YORK — Long Island Lighting Co. and its former president, Wilfred O. Uhl, were ordered Monday by a federal court jury to pay at least \$22.8 million in damages for lying to the New York State Public Service Commission in

billion if Judge Jack B. Weinstein of U.S. Dis-

The utility, through its attorney Michael Lesch issued a one-sentence statement that called the verdict was "insupportable" and said that Like would seek to have it set aside or reversed on appeal.

ham in order to obtain rate hikes. The jury awarded \$7.6 million in damages to the county for what it overpaid on utility costs because of fraudulently obtained rate increases in 1978 and 1984. That amount was tripled to

million in damages.

The jury rejected the county's charges that Lilco deceived the commission in obtaining rate increases in 1975, 1976, 1979 and 1981. It also

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New York State Public Service Commission in order to fund construction on the Shoreham nuclear power plant 55 miles (90 kilometers) east of Manhattan.

The verdict, reached under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations statute, awarded \$22.8 million in damages to Suffolk County and could make Like hable for \$1.8. trict Court in Brooklyn certifies the smit a class action on behalf of all ratepayers.

The seven-member jury, after a two-month trial, found that Lilco and Mr. Uhl had hed to the Public Service Commission on three occasions about the completion schedule for Shore-

\$22.8 million under the federal racketeering statue. The county had sought as much as \$72

found three other former Lilco officials not

a cost of \$77 million. Construction was completed in 1985, but the plant was never opened Leno because of public opposition. The county alleged that Lilco spent \$8 billion in building Shoreham, but Lilco says it cost 5.3 billion.

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Steel Buyers Accept Quotas The Associated Press

NEW YORK - U.S. Steel importers conceded Monday that they are unlikely to win a repeal of import quotas and proposed ways to make the program more palatable. Three trade groups said President-elect George Bush should, among other things, soften the strict product-by-product quotas that created shortages over the last two years. More than 30 quotas prevented foreign producers from shipping steel plate for factory floors and bridge decks, for example, when U.S. producers could not

Framatome SA **Buying Burndy**

NORWALK, Connecticut -NORWALK, Connecticut — Burndy Corp., a maker of electron-ic and electrical connectors, said Mooday that it had agreed to be acquired by Framatome SA, the French ouclear power plant build-er, for about \$325 million.

Burndy said Framatome, a sub-sidiary of Compagnie Generale d'Electricité, would start a tender offer of \$26 a share later this week for all its shares, subject to receipt of at least two-thirds. Burndy has 12.2 million shares outstanding Burndy had sales of \$284 million in 1987. Framatome had sales equivalent to \$2.5 billion.

Kodak Claims Chip Advance

The Associated Press ROCHESTER, New York -Eastman Kodak Co. Monday announced the development of a new nounced the development of a new computer chip that it claims will vastly improve the quality of electronically-generated photos. The sensor that Kodak introduced Monday has 4 million pixels, twice as many of the picture elements as as many of the picture elements as the best now available. Jacques Kauffmann, an industry analyst, said the quality of the new photos is comparable to that obtained with

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(Continued from first finance page) and effectively, especially when compared with most of the state-controlled European steel companies, which have long resisted modnies, which have long resisted modemization. Yet far more than cutbacks have

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Now, performance bonuses account for as much as 18 percent of

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Marcel Genet, steel industry analyst

dollar have helped. About 38 per-cent of British Steel's purchases are priced in dollars, notably coal, iron

British Steel has also invested heavily in equipment to modernize its plants, shifting most of its production to computer-controlled continuous casting, in which lengths of steel are produced with-out interruption, ready for molding and rolling into various sizes and

Continuous casting consumes less energy than the traditional method, which involves casting steel ingots, then reheating and fashioning them into other shapes oations like Brazil, South Korea Usinor in preparation for fabrication. and Taiwan, which pay lower Brazil.

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producers in newly industrialized

begun to take some of the most imaginative diversification efforts, as companies like Nippon Steel Corp., Kobe Steel Ltd. and Nippon Kokan KK try everything from to biotechnology and theme parks. But British Steel has stayed in

steel and, despite the drastic cutbacks, is the world's fourth-largest producer, trailing Nippon Steel, Usinor of France and Siderbras of

though by moving into higher value products that have profit margins several times those on commodity grades of steel. These products include coated steels, like the tin plate used in beverage cans; galvanized steel used in automobiles and construction, and the so-called organically coated steels used in construction and in manufacturing refrigerators and appliances.

It has made great strides recently in supplying steel for packaging and construction. In 1987, about 70 percent of all soft-drink cans in Britain were made of steel, up from 28 percent three years earlier. In the construction industry, steel framing accounted for 51 percent of the building framing market last

year, up from 33 percent in 1980. In devising new products, British Steel works closely with major customers, even cooperating on research. In the production process, big clients can link their computers to British Steel's system to monitor their orders.

"Steel is getting to be more and more a service business," Mr. Gen-et said. "And one of the big changes at British Steel has been the basic change in attitudes of the management and workers from just pushing out tons of steel to provid-ing high-quality products and solu-tions to customers' needs."

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP Mitsubishi Shares Soar After Listing TOKYO - Mitsubishi Motor Corp. shares soared 70 percent af-

ter being listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange Monday, offering windfall profits for some investors and triggering criticism from others. The issue, which was sold last month for 850 yen (\$6.96) a share,

closed sharply higher Monday 21 Brokers were so overwhelmed with buying orders that the first available quote of 1,380 yen was not available until mid-afternoon trading. The price, in the upper range of market expectations, was greeted with applause on the trad-

The allocation of Mitsubishi Motor shares was limited to 1,000 for each investor. But unlike the privatization of Nippon Telegraph & Telephone, shares in Mitsubishi Motors were not distributed by lottery. Mitsubish Heavy Industries najor shareholders put 4.5 million shares aside to calm the market. Analysts said many potential investors had been bitterly disap-pointed they could not buy any of the 70.3 million new shares issued by Mitsubishi ahead of the listing, and this should contribute to fur-

ther short-term demand. "There were indications the buying public was incensed at the distribution of shares for poblic offering, so there is a good chance it will take off for a while," said Tony Moyer, an analyst at SBCI Securi-

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Still, several analysts said contin-ued heavy demand could take shares even higher in the short

Mooday's heavy buying was probably an indication the mitial offer price was too low," said Mr.

Heineken and NV Bols Are Planning a Linkup

AMSTERDAM - Heineken NV, the brewer, and NV Erven Lucas Bols, the distiller, are discussing cooperation but do not plan a merger or takeover, a spokeswoman for Heineken said

Monday. She said both Dutch companies expected to publish details of the roposed cooperation this week. The companies said the announce-ment was made because of market rumors. Stock dealers said this appeared to refer to a comment in the newspaper NRC Handelsbiad, mentioning Bols as a takeover candidate, possibly by Heineken.

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is the first time — apart from the privatization of NTT — that a gests the potential for further gains in the future," he said.

Other analysis were more cautious, however, saying that the price of Mitsubishi shares cannot get too far out of line with other

Japanese automakers. "It's a question of supply and demand," said Steve Marvin, an analyst at Jardine Fleming Securities Ltd. "As long as there are ziliions of housewives who want it and the number of shares is restricted, the price can be sus-

tained.' But the fundamental outlook for sales, profitability and market share does not warrant higher prices unless other auto stocks also

ise," Mr. Marvin added. Shares of Mazda Motor Corp., another automaker about the same size as Mitsubishi Motor, closed

Monday at 855 yen.

Brokers said the new issue was fully subscribed soon after Oct. 21, when they were allowed to accept orders following Mitsubishi's application to the Finance Ministry for listing

Official subscription did not start until Nov 7.

As far as the company itself is concerned, the 60 billion yen raised will largely go towards reducing Mitsubishi Motors' debt. But analysts said that the investor discontent following Monday's sale could also put further pressure on the Japanese Finance Ministry to reform listing procedures.

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The agreement calls for Al-lied Irish to start a cash tender offer within five business days for the publicly held common hares of First Maryland, to be followed by a merger in which each share not owned by Allied Irish will be converted into the right to receive \$39.25 in cash, First Maryland said.

First Maryland said that a special committee of directors had reported to the board that it believed the price was fair and in the best interests of sharebolders. The committee had rejected an Allied Irish offer on Sept. 12 of \$35.25 a share for the 50.3 percent of First Maryland's 17.9 millioo outstanding sbares it does not

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U.S. Carmakers Reportedly Weigh Rebates

By Doron P. Levin New York Times Service

DETROIT - The inventory of 2.3 million unsold new cars in the United States may be put on sale at substantial discounts in the next few weeks, industry analysts say. If the domestic automakers take

this step, it will clear the way for ambigious first-quarter production schedules, particularly at General Motors Corp. The discounts would probably come in the form of cash rebates, experts said, because research has

shown them to be more effective

than low-interest financing in spur-"More incentives are coming," said David Healy, automotive analyst for Drexel Burnham Lambert lnc, "It's an unsustainable situatioo out there. GM could have a 100-day supply of cars at year's end. The oumbers at Ford and Chrysler aren't as scary."

For the last three years, the Big Three auto producers and some importers have offered cash rebates on some car and truck models. They have also experimented with gimmicks like oprional equipment

at no charge, airplane tickets with the purchase of a car and free gasoline. On a few occasions, the companies bave resorted to deep dis-

counts on a wide variety of models. As a result, companies and dealers believe, car buyers have grown to expect incentives regardless of market conditions.

GM, the nation's biggest carmaker, has the biggest inventory. It also has the most aggressive pro-duction plans and thus may feel the most pressure to offer rebates.

GM. which has dramatically lost market share since 1984, is trying to halt the decline by forcing more vehicles into the marketplace. In the first quarter of 1989, the company is planning to build 931,000 cars in North America, a 19.1 percent increase from a year earlier.

That comes on the heels of aggressive production in the current quarter, a time when GM is expected to build about 950,000 cars, 12.6

percent more than a year earlier. In spite of a lower market share in 1988, the company's profits have strongly rebounded from the previous two years, in part because of

during the period this year, up 25.2 percent from the 35.456 it sold dur-

Ford's car sales dropped 18.7

percent in late November this year over the same time last year. Ford

sold 51,424 cars in November 1988

compared with 55,374 cars in the

same time last year. Ford also said

it sold 13 percent fewer light trucks

in the period this year over late

3.5 percent to 27,248 during the

ing the same time last year.

GM's share of the U.S. new-car market was 36.8 percent in 1987. down from 44.5 percent in 1984.

So far this year GM has had a 36.1 percent share, according to Ward's Automotive Reports, and a strong finish could keep the company even with last year. But there are indications that GM dealers are having trouble keeping up with the pace of production.

Any action by GM will have ramifications for Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Corp. Although the second- and third-largest producers are not saddled with beavy inventories, both concede that they would be obliged to imitate any broad GM rebate program, rather than risk the loss of market share.

Automakers measure retail sales by car dealers against their inventory to figure how many days of supply they have at the current sales rate. A 65-day supply is considered comfortable.

A marketing analyst with a Big Three car company estimated that Ford had a 73-day supply as of Nov. 21; Chrysler an 80-day supply, and GM an 89-day supply.

FCL Has 10% Of CSR Mining

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — Fletcher Challenge Ltd. said Monday it now holds 9.77 percent of the Australian mining concern CSR Ltd.

New Zealand's largest com-pany, which embarked on an international buying spree in October 1987, said the investment was consistent with its philosophy of investing in industries that had sound longterm growth potential.

This makes FCL the second largest shareholder in CSR, with the AMP Society holding 15.33 percent FCL's stake had been acquired over the past year and CSR had been aware of it, an FCL spokes-man said. He said FCL did not intend to go beyond its present holding. The 9.77 percent stake is equal to about 64.29 million shares, with a current market value of about \$243

U.S. Car Sales Rose 1.2% In Late November Period **BNP Mortgages** GM's truck sales climbed to 50,743

DETROIT -- Car sales for the

Big Three U.S. automakers rose 1.2 percent in late November compared with a year ago, the compa-nies said Monday, bringing the monthly gain to more than 7 per-

Light truck sales for General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Corp. also rose, increasing by 3 percent in the period from Nov. 21 to Nov. 30.

The comparisons are based on average daily sales. The late-November sales period this year totaled eight days, compared with seven last year. The Big Three said they sold

181,424 cars during the period this year, compared with 156,864 in late November 1987. Light truck sales for the three companies amounted to 117,066 this year compared with 99,469 in the same period last year. GM, Ford and Chrysler said they sold 500,423 cars last month,

up 7.1 percent from the 448,480 they sold in November last year, Truck sales by the Big Three rose 5.2 percent to 322.505 in November 1988 from 294,268 in the same huxury automobiles. month last year.

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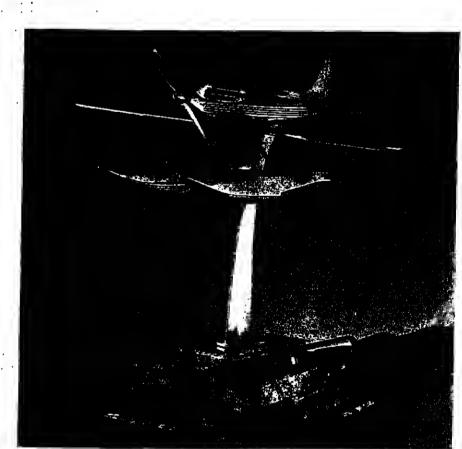
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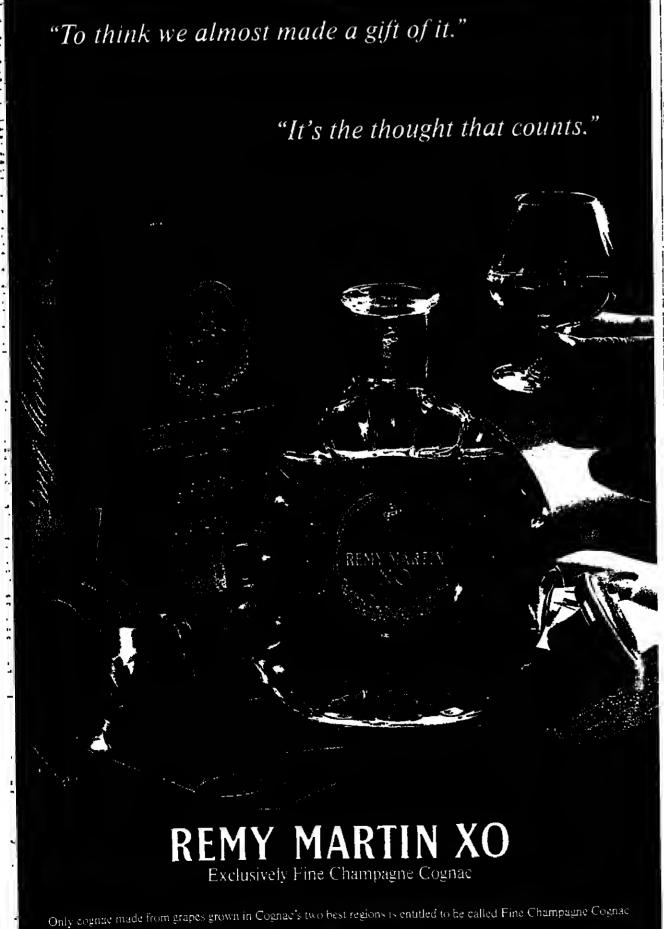
Fiat's U.S. Unit Names A Chairman, Its First

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Fiat USA Inc. said Monday that Furio M. Colombo had been appointed chairman of the U.S. subsidiary of Italy's largest private company and Vittorio C. Vellano had been named its president.

Mr. Colombo, whose title is new, has been president of Fiat USA since 1983 and before that was an executive with Olivetti Co, and the Italian Radio & Television System. Fiat said.

Mr. Vellano has been vice president of Fiat USA since 1987.
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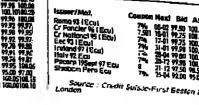
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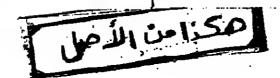
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Pound Remains Firm in New York London Dollar Rates FrL 1,7345 1,8705 121,50 1,4467 5,8900

pound jumped to \$1.8705 from Dealers said the intervention to The dollar, meanwhile edged stem the pound's rise against the higher Monday in extremely quiet dollar had been modest, as trading trading and analysts suggested the was quiet throughout the day... currency should continue to drift Dealers said they saw no indications of intervention to hold back Dealers said that the pound con-

Source : Reuters

pound's against the mark.

Analysts said that while the tinues to underpinned by the latest rise, to 13 percent, in British base growing British current account gap was ultimately capable of un-dermining confidence in the They said the Bank of England sold small amounts of sterling in Europe to curb its rise against the pound, it was the high interest rate factor that was now guiding the dollar.

Despite this, the pound ended in currency's rise.

"I feel the market will ignore the pound's negative side for the short term. People can't afford to ignore the positive interest rate differential," said Tony Mathers, head of treasury operations at Wespac Some market participants said

the pound was capable of going as high as 3.30 DM, but Mr. Mathers of Wespac said the currency would meet a lot of resistance as it neared 3.2421 marks.

In New York trading, the dollar rose to 121.56 yen, up from Friday's 121.27. Against the West German mark in New York, the dollar ended at 1.7259 marks, up

from 1.7220 on Friday. The dollar also closed at 5.8960 French francs, up from 5.8860 on Friday, and at 1.4450 Swiss francs, up from 1,4428 at the close of trading last week.

Earlier in Europe, the dollar closed mixed. It ended at 121.50 yen, up from 121.30 yen on Friday. It finished at 1.7245 DM, down from 1.7303 on Friday.

Among other currencies, the dol-lar closed at 5.8900 French francs, down from 5.9045 on Friday, and at 1,4447 Swiss francs, down from 1.4495 at the close of trading last

Traders said there are no significant economic indicators scheduled for release this week and that should keep the dollar in a narrow (Reuters, UPI)

Taiwan Stock Prices Fall Sharply Again

TAIPEI — Taiwan share prices dived again Mon-

Europe its highest level against the U.S. currency since May 24.

The pound also closed at its

highest level against the mark since

mid-August. In Europe, the British currency ended at 3.2244 Deutsche

marks, up from 3.2127 on Friday.

day after a record plunge on Saturday, and there were further indications that powerful speculators were pulling their money out of the stock market, brokers

"There are signs that the big players are getting out of the market," said John Nelson, an analyst with Jardine Fleming Taiwan Ltd.

Few brokers said they believed the big speculators have left the market for good. Rather, some said, they expected these investors to drive prices down and to

buy again before the end of the year.

Brokers said they believed the big investors are selling now after recovering a good part of their losses from a crash in September. That collapse was provoked by a Finance Ministry announcement that stock-trading profits would be taxed starting on Jan. 1.

The tax created the mixture of fear and uncertainty in a market on which speculators thrive, and brokers said thousands of small investors were looking to a few wealthy individuals for guidance on how far prices will be allowed to slide.

The weighted index had been falling for a week before a self-off on Saturday drove it down by 300.9 points, the market's biggest drop.

The index fell an additional 139.71 points to end at 6,310.62 on Monday. The indicator had reached a record 8,789.78 on Sept. 24.

"The market has dropped so precipitously over the past couple of days that I'm actually turning bullish." said Daniel Chiang, an analyst at International Investment Trust

Other brokers were more cautious.

"The market will decline for the rest of the year, although there could be a small rally towards the end," said Mr. Nelson of Jardine Fleming, He said speculators might briefly bring the market back to life.

Many investors are gloomy about prospects for next year, when profits on sales of shares in excess of 10 million Taiwan dollars (abont \$355,000) per person per year are to be taxed. Large investors, faced with the prospect of surren-

dering up to one half of their share profits to the tax collector, are likely to bail out. They may also fear revealing their true wealth after years of dodging

Some brokers wondered whether the speculators would be able to overcome widespread pessimism. "They have to consider whether there will be any followers when they try to push prices up," said Jennifer Hsu, an executive at Yuan Ta Securities Co.

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Of OPEC Output Seen

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatcher NICOSIA — OPEC's daily oil production hit a monthly record of almost 23 million barrels in November as the members of the cartel were debating how to cut ont-

put, the weekly Middle East Economic Survey said Monday.

The publication's report that the 13-member group pumped 22.98 million barrels a day came a week after the cartel agreed to curtail production to 18.5 million barrels

starting in January. OPEC is trying to raise prices to \$18 a barrel. In trading on Monday, oil prices were lower in light trading. In Lon-don, North Sea Brent ended about t0 cents a barrel lower at \$14.75 and West Texas Intermediate was down 5 cents at \$15.60.

In London, Oil Minister Isam Abd ar-Rahim ash-Shalabi of Iraq expressed doubt that prices would reach \$18 a barrel by March. · He said at an oil conference: "I

don't think anybody expects that an \$18 price will be reached when we meet in March, but we would be happy to be as near \$18 as possible. and we would be happy if we had that in June." According to the Middle East

Economic Survey's preliminary estimates, Saudi Arabia led the OPEC producers with daily ontput of 6.5 million barrels last month. Its new daily output quota is about 4.5 million barrels, compared with the previous 4.3 million.

Iran produced 2.6 million barrels a day in November and Iraq pumped 2.7 million, the newsletter said. Iraq returned to OPEC's quota system last week after a two-year absence. It rejoined the system af-ter Iran yielded to its demand for quota parity. Under the new limits, the two former Gulf war foes are allowed to produce 2.64 million barrels a day.

Kuwait produced 2 million barrels a day in November, a figure confirmed by the country's oil min-ister, Sheikh Ali al-Kahlifa al-Sahah, the newsletter said. Its quota was 996,000 barrels, which will in-

Record Level U.S. Team Fails to Bring Liberia Fiscal Reform

By James Brooke New York Times Service

MONROVIA, Liberia - Armed with a contract and brimming with self-confidence, a team of 17 American financial experts arrived here last year with a mission that at first seemed deceptively simple: Clean up the finances of this small West African nation to prevent further waste, mismanagement and fraud.

One year later, the Americans - all of whom are veterans of Third World service — seem ready to throw in the towel and are pleading to

Last month their team leader left for Europe. with no plans to return.

The situation is touchy. The U.S. ambassador, James Bishop, declined to be interviewed on the subject. When Liberia's finance minister, David M. Farhat, was asked by a reporter if he would like to to give an interview on the financial controls pro-ject, he replied that he would prefer to give the reporter "a punch in the mouth."

From 1980 to 1985, the United States save this country of two million people a total of \$500 million in aid and loans, making Liberia the largest per-capita recipient of U.S. aid in sub-Saharan Africa.

But citing mismanagement and misappropriation, the U.S. Congress has steadily slashed aid levels to Liberia, to \$31 million this year.

With arrears of \$671 million in interest and capital on foreign debt of \$1.7 billion, loans have also stopped coming from Africa's lenders of last resort - the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the African Devel-

opment Bank. In such situations, former European colonial powers have often quietly intervened to try to straighten out a former colony's finances -France for the Ivory Coast, Spain for Equatori-

Last year, the United States assumed this role in English-speaking Liberia, which had its beginnings as a virtual American colony in Africa when it was settled by freed American

slaves in the early 19th century. Today the United States is Monrovia's largest investor, largest trading partner and the primary destination for Liberians seeking overseas work and education.

The U.S. government has a unique conce tration of assets in Liberia: 24-bour access for military airplanes to the international airport, a Voice of America radio transmitter for Africa and a communications station to relay diplomatic cables between Washington and Africa.

Building on these close ties, the Reagan ad-

ministration decided in early 1987 to try to take on the direct supervision of Liberia's finances for two years. In tough negotiations with the nation's presi-

dent, Samuel K. Doe, Washington won a contract granting 17 "operational experts" sweeping powers, including co-signing authority on all government checks, leases, loan documents, purchase orders and travel authorizations.

But halfway into the \$18.4 million project the cost of training about 100 Liberian civil servants plus the costs of the United States experts — it appears that the Americans are no match for Liberia's bureaucrats and politicians or for Mr. Doe.

"The government of Liberia has shown no commitment to either reining in its extra-budgetary expenditures or abiding by a sound budget process," a confidential report by the accountants stated last month.

"The net balance shown at the end of September is zero, which means that the govern-

ment of Liberia has virtually no cash." As evidence, the report pointed out that extra-budgetary expenses had ballooned since July, to 30 percent of the budget from 20

The analysis, which was made available by a Liberian dissident, predicted an even bleaker

future. This "lack of concrete progress has called into question the rationale for continuing the project," the report concludes, with diplomatic understatement.

GATT: Trade Talks Soured by U.S.-EC Dispute on Agricultural Subsidies

(Continued from page 1) stand, there was a basis for negotia-

tions to continue.

"It would be indefensible and incomprehensible for the Montreal talks to end in a climate that would cloud or even block the rest of the negotiations," Mr. De Clercq said.

Clayton K. Yentter, the U.S. trade representative, told other delegates that "if trade ministers lack the political will to move forward with issues that two years ago we agreed were critical to the continuing health of the world trading system, then one must question whether the Uruguay Round is des-

tined to fulfill its bright promise." U.S. officials continued to insist that no agreement on agricultural subsidies would be better than one that damaged U.S. interests.

The deputy U.S. trade representative, Alan F. Holmer, said, "It may well be that not to paper over our differences in 1988 is the best get date for the end of the Uruguay Round of negotiations.

Agreement to disagree in Mon-treal would not be "the end of the negotiations," said Arthur Dunkel, director general of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

"We would consider it a success if certain areas of disagreement were identified in such a way that we know how to negotiate to get results," Mr. Dunkel said.

The sticking point in the farm dispute is Washington's insistence on a commitment to abolish "trade-distorting" agricultural subsidies before beginning a discussion of shorter term measures to deal with farm trade problems.

The European Community says that an immediate start can be made by freezing support for such products as cereals, sugar, dairy produce and seed oil without necessarily agreeing on the final step.

While ready to discuss what officials have called a "significant reway to move the talks forward to a duction" in subsidies over the long meaningful result in 1990," the tar- term, the European Community

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney of Canada, left, who warned the Montreal meeting that the world's economy stood at a crossroads, talking with Enrique Iglesias, Uruguay's minister of finance.

says it can never agree to completely free trade in farm products, which would mean the end of its common agricultural policy.

The package deal on tropical

oping countries like Brazil, Colombia and Malaysia. The agreement was regarded by officials from the industrial coun-

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Kaufman & Broad Plans Spin-Off of Building Unit

LOS ANGELES — Kaufman & Broad Inc. said Monday it planned a restructuring that would include the spin-off of Kaufman & Broad

Home Corp., its 91.6 percent-owned subsidiary.
The parent would change its name to Broad
Inc. and become a financial services company.
Kaufman & Broad Home Corp. would continue Kaufman & Broad Floure Corp. would commune to operate as the largest home builder in California and the third-largest in France.

The company also said its board had authorized the repurchase, after the spin-off, of as much as 5 million shares of its common stock.

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Kaufman & Broad said the restructuring plan
provided for the tax-free distribution to share
holders of about 0.75 share of Kaufman & Broad Home common stock for each Kanfman & Broad share held.

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Prior to the distribution, Kanfman & Broad
Home intends to pay a cash dividend of \$4.50 a
share to all holders of its common stock.

The new Broad Inc. would have about \$7
billion in assets and nearly \$200 million in cash
and marketable securities, the company said.

Drexel Outlines Plans

NEW YORK — Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. said that negotiations with federal professions have reached a "crucial stage" and the firm may either face racketeering indictments or plead guilty to lesser charges soon.

Frederick Joseph, Drexel chief executive outlined the status of Drexel's crisis in a manor random to staff last week. Copies were leaked to the Wall Street Journal and New York Times, and sources confirmed the contents of the memo on Monday.

A guilty plea would mark a stuming time around for Drexel, which vowed to fight accissations of securities fraud that arose after Ivan F. Boesky, the now-imprisoned stock speculator implicated the firm in a plea bargein be

Boesky, the now-imprisoned stock speculator, implicated the firm in a plea bargain he reached

World Stock Markets

Via Agence France Presse Closing prices in local currencies, Dec. 5

BOOKS

PARTING THE WATERS: America in the King Years 1954-63

By Taylor Branch. Illustrated. 1,064 pages. \$24.95. Simon & Schuster, 1230 Avenue of the Americas. New York, N. Y. 10020.

Reviewed by Christopher Lehmann-Haupt

HE title of Taylor Branch's monumental account of the American civil rights movement, "Parting the Waters," is richly ironic.

Unlike what Moses achieved with God's help in the 37 words of Exodus 14:21 of the Old Testament, it takes the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. nearly a thousand pages to accomplish only the first phase of his journey out of the wilderness. And a sequel, to be called "Pillar of Fire," will cover King's experiences during Lyndon Johnson's presidency

onnson's presidency.

It isn't only the richness of events that makes this volume so enormous, covering as it does King's youth and education, the Montgomery bus boycott, the 1960 presidential election, the lunch-counter sit-ins, the Freedom Rides, the voter registration drives, the integration of Ole Miss, the siege of Birmingham and the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, the murder of Medgar Evers and dozens of other events in the movement's agonizing struggle to define itself. There is also the sprawling cast of characters.

As Branch — a former staff member of The Washing-ton Monthly. Harper's and Esquire — explains the scheme of his book: "I have tried to make biography and history reinforce each other by knitting together a num-ber of personal stories along the main seam of an American epoch." And so: "The text moves from King to people far removed, at the highest and lowest stations.

By seeking at least a degree of intimacy with all of them

old Mother Pollard" (who said during the Montgom-

ery bus boycott, "My feets is tired, but my soul is rested") "and also President Eisenhower, Bob Moses of SNCC and also J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI, with the

Kennedys and also King's rivals within the black church

I hope to let the characters define each other."

There is the complexity of King himself. Branch shows us rarely glimpsed sides of his subject: the student at Crozer Theological Seminary who excelled equally at preaching and pool shooting; the intellectual influenced by Reinhold Niebuhr who came to see Gandhi's non-violence as "merely a Niebuhrian stratagem of power"; the activist who secretly "yearned for a life of prestigious, intellectual repose such as he had tasted in his

pipe-smoking graduate-school days."

The risk of telling history in such detail is that events tend to unfold too slowly for the reader to gain perspection. tive. For instance, Branch devotes extraordinary space to Stanley Levison, the friend and adviser of King, whom the FBI considered to be a dangerous security risk. Of the FBI considered to be a dangerous security risk. Of course, the jury is still out on the question of Levison's true status as a security risk. As Branch explains in his preface: "In opposing my request" for "the original FBI documents pertaining to the Bureau's steadfast contention that King's closest white friend was a top-level Communist agent," the "U.S. Department of Justice has argued in federal court that the release of thirty-to thirty-five-year-old informant reports on Levison would thirty-five-year-old informant reports on Levison would damage the national security even now."

Still, the upshot of the story is deeply disturbing. Branch writes that, by threatening the Kennedys with information in the FBI's possession concerning the president's sexual liaisons, Hoover was eventually able to force on them his own views of King, which were oarrow-minded and disapproving to say the least.

Christopher Lehmann-Haupt is on the staff of The New York Times.

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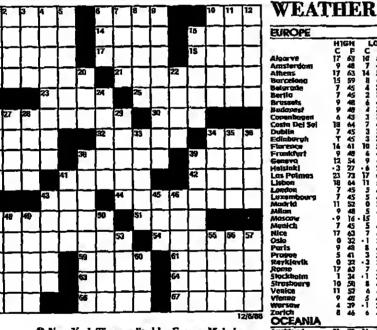
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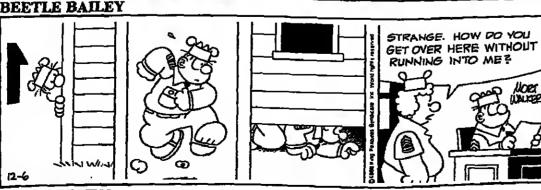
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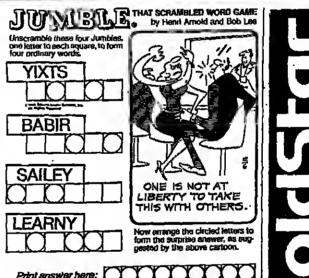
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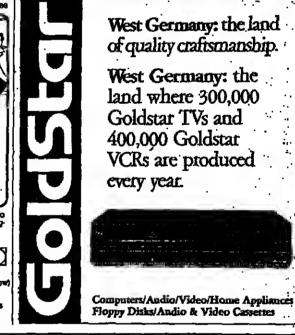








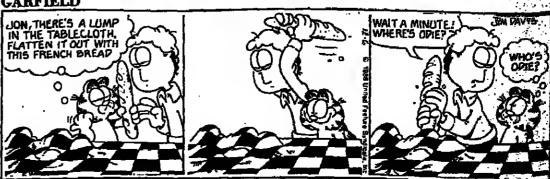
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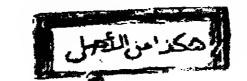












SPORTS

N. A Masters Final That Fits

NEW YORK — They are meeting in the final again, although under somewhat different circum-

When Ivan Lendl played Boris Becker for the two Nabisco Masters titles in 1986, he was the undisputed No.1 player in the world. blought of as an interim champion but in the process of establishing his own era in tennis.

Becker was the crown prince, a crowd-pleasing teen-ager with a big serve, bigger smile and two Wimbledon championships already to his credit. They also played in the round-robin here last year, Lendl winning once more.

Since then, however, the perception of each has changed. Monday night's final is not so much an indictment of the slowly revolving world of tennis as it is a tribute to Lendl's perseverance and Becker's

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gest accomplishment, especially af-ter losing to Hlasek and being a Lendl, who lost his No. I ranking break point from defeat agai Andre Agassi Friday night, when a to Mats Wilander in the Open final, underwent shoulder surgery shortly after. The Masters is his first offiloss would have elim "Deep inside, you know you'll come back," Lendl said of his recial tournament since the operacovery from surgery to repair carti-

On Sunday Leadl showed he was capable of winning a fourth Mas-ters in succession, defeating Stefan Edberg of Sweden, 6-3, 7-6, in the semifinals. Becker advanced with an exciting 7-6, 7-6 victory over Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland

Although Wilander will finish the year No.1, LendI's play at the Garden has shown that it might be too early to herald a changing of the guard. He was vulnerable in the early round-robin matches, losing to Hlasek, struggling to regain his timing and shot-making ability. Lendl has won the Masters five

times, including twice in 1986 when the tournament was played in January and in December. He has been When they were in New York in the final all nine times he has City last September at the U.S. played.



IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK - Referee Jerry Markbreit is merely trying to protect quarterback Vinny Testaverde of Tampa Bay from a possible late, crunching hit by Darryl Talley of Buffalo.

Steelers' Passing Nips Oilers; Vikings Demolish Saints, 45-3

HOUSTON - Bubby Brister's third touchdown pass of the game, a 16-yarder to Merril Hoge with 20 seconds left, lifted the Pittsburgh Steelers to a 37-34 comeback victory over the Houston Oilers in a

NFL ROUNDUP

National Football League game "Thus isn't the "House of Pain," said Brister, who completed 17 of 36 passes for 311 yards. "It's the House of Pleasure.' They did a lot of mouthing off, and I think their

took it personally.' Pittsburgh, whose coach, Chuck Noll, accused the Oilers last year of playing dirty, needed only 1:10 to move 80 yards in eight plays for the winning score.

talking got us a little inspired. We

Brister completed 4 of 6 passes on the drive, the last inside the Oilers 10 to Hoge, who scored his second touchdown of the game. Pittsburgh won its second straight and snapped Houston's 10game winning streak at home. Brister also threw touchdown

Lipps. Dwight Stone returned a the Buffalo Bills and Chicago kickoff 92 yards for a score, Gary Anderson kicked a 45-yard field ed. goal and Hoge scored on a 2-yard run for the Steelers.

The Oilers got a 90-yard kickoff return for a score from rockie Lorenzo White and a 6-yard scoring pass from Moon to Mike Rozier. Vicines 45, Saints 3: At Minno-apolis, Wade Wilson threw three touchdown passes, two to Hassan

Jones, and the Vikings defense did not allow a touchdown for the fourth straight game. Minnesota is all but assured a wild-card berth. Chiefs 38, Jets 34: At Kansas City, Missouri, James Saxon blasted in from one-yard with two seconds left, capping a 14-point come-back in the final 5:22. The Jets fell

out of the playoff race.
Raiders 21, Broncos 20: At Los
Angeles, Greg Townsend returned an interception 86 yards for one score, and Jay Schroeder threw for another touchdown to help create a three-way tie for first place in the AFC West. The Raiders, Broncos and Seattle are all 7-7.

■ Play-Offs Shape Up The Cincinnati Bengal qualified for the play-offs, joining passes of 80 and 65 yards to Louis

The Bengals can win the AFC Central Division crown by beating Houston next week. But they have at least a wild-card berth after a 27-10 victory over San Diego. And Houston's loss gave Cincinnati a

two-game edge in the division. That victory tied the Bengal with the Bills for the best record in the AFC. If both finish tied for the top spot in the conference, Cincinnati would have the homefield advantage in the playoffs because it beat Buffalo last week.

Several other teams moved closer to division titles and or wild-card berths with two weeks left in the NFL season.

The New York Giants, winners over Phoenix, took over first place in the NFC East when the Eagles

were edged by Washington. The Giants could win the division by sweeping their final two games, against Kansas City and the

If the 49ers win their final two games — including next Sunday at



Despite contortions, Becker is playing highly consistent tennis.

VANTAGE POINT/Ira Berkow

Memories of 'Colored Only' And Mayotte's Quiet Protest

NEW YORK — Tim Mayotte, who is 6 feet 3 inches tall (1.91 meters), with dark eyebrows and dark eyes closely knit, and gentlespoken, was saying recently that he wasn't Tina Turner and he wasn't Michael Jackson and he wasn't John McEnroe, all of which should come as a surprise to very few. And so when he took a personal

stand last year at what he believes fused to play tennis in South Africa because of the official policy of apartheid - it was done quietly. But he spoke not only from his heart but also from the recesses of bis wallet. He relinquished a chance to earn as much as a quarter

of a million dollars. "If one of them doesn't go," said Mayotte, referring to Turner, Jackson and McEnroc, "it's an important statement. They're superstars, and everybody's watching them. I'm just another guy. And maybe the only person who cares that I didn't go was me. But I went once, in 1983, and felt pretty bad about it afterward. I decided I'd never go again, no matter what. It may only

I know that I can protest." A few years ago, McEnroe said he had turned down \$1 million to play in South Africa, and that was indeed news.

be a small way, but it's the only way

Mayotte, now 28, said that five years ago when he played a series of exhibitions in three South African cities, he did it for the money and the experience.

They were paying a total of \$10,000, which was big money for me then," said Mayotte.

"The townships are hidden from the mainstream. But you see little reminders of the entrenched racial separation, like the signs on wash-rooms that read, 'Colored Only,' or White Only.' And everyone knows he said,



'When I came back from South Africa in 1983. I had talks with friends. Most were angry that I had gone there.' Tim Mayotte.

that blacks simply have no control over their future there. All you have to do is put yourself in their shoes to feel the disgust and rage that they must feel." Last December, not many took

much notice that Mayotte, ranked 9th in the world last year and currently 10th, just missed making the Masters tournament in New York. He missed, perhaps, because he didn't play in Johannesburg and thus failed to earn the requisite Grand Prix points. If he had won matches there it would have placed him in the Masters.

able was that Mayotte sat in the stands, an alternate in the Masters, his narrow helmet of hair more abundant than McEnroe's thinning pate, but not nearly as plentiful as Tina Turner's fright wig, or Mi-chael Jackson's curied locks. Mayotte watched Brad Gilbert

lage and ligament damage, "but

every athlete still worries about it."

limping off the court at the U.S.

Open with badly bruised feet, fac-

ing six weeks of rest and perhaps

playing the most consistent tennis

favorite. He has won six tourna-

ments this year and had been the

most active of the big name players in recent weeks. At 21, he said he

event this year but said he was

pleased with his performance any-

final and let's hope I can make it

His ability to return Hlasek's hard serve and force errors was the difference in both tie breakers Sun-

day. Hlasek was riding the crest of the hottest streak in his career, a

ourneyman who has suddenly brocen into the top 10 this fall, the

But his climb was ended as much by his own relative inexperience in big matches as Becker's spirited

"I won the crucial points," Becker said, "because I have played more often under these conditions.

It was a high pressure match and everything was in my hands. He is a good opponent, but he had nothing o lose. I was expected to win."

In the second set, Hlasek broke

wenth game, Becker pouncing on

Becker in the fourth game and was

in position to force a deciding set. But his serve betrayed him in the

house painter turned artist.

of his career.

Becker had doubts, too, after

reach the semifinals, where he lost to Ivan Lendl. Gilbert had chosen to play in and by dint of the accrued Grand Prix points thus pushed ahead of

Mayotte to complete the presti-gious eight-man Masters field. Gilbert's first-place prize money for the tournament in South Africa last year was \$46,000; his Grand Prix bonus points for winning it meant an additional \$15,000, and his take for his semifinal finish in the Masters was \$50,000, a total of

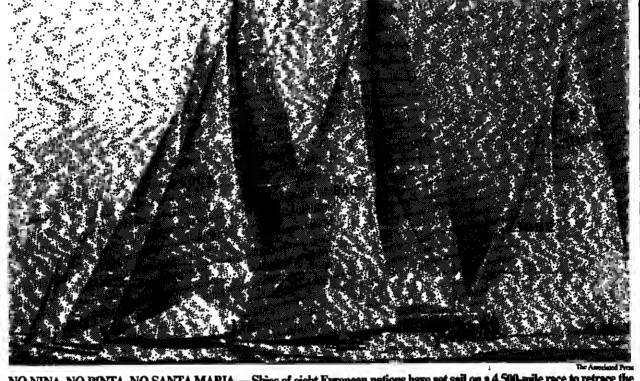
\$110,000. "When I came back from South Africa in 1983," said Mayotte, "I had talks with friends. Most were

angry that I had gone there." It was his friends' feeling that in some way Mayotte had condoned the apartheid government.

When Gilbert was asked last year about having played in South Africa, he said, "I'm a tennis playcr, and not a politician. I don't think sport and politics should be mixed. I went to Johannesburg because I needed points to qualify for the Masters."

Mayotte says he has talked with Gilbert and Pat Cash and others who have competed in South Afri-ca. He says their views are their own, that he bears them no resentment but he believes that it's ludi-crous to say that tennis and politics are completely separate. "The reason South Africa wants

"But there's no guarantee I to hold sports events is to try to be would have won in Johannesburg." a part of the international political community," said Mayotte.



NO NINA, NO PINTA, NO SANTA MARIA — Ships of eight European nations have set sail on a 4,500-mile race to retrace the route of Christopher Columbus. The vessels were expected to reach the finish in the Dominican Republic around Christmas.

Nykanen Jumps; Nykanen Runs; Nykanen's Gone

THUNDER BAY, Ontario -Matti Nykanen made a mysterious departure from the 120-meter ski jump at a meet here.

The reigning World Cup cham-pion and a triple gold medalist at the Calgary Olympics, Nykanen quit after his first jump Sunday when he placed 17th.

He immediately departed with a police escort for the airport. Nei-ther Rob McCormack, chairman of the Canadian Ski Association's jump committee, nor his teammate Risto Laakonen, who won the competiton, could shed any light on the matter. A photographer found Ny-kanen at the airport, but an interpreter interceded, saying, "No more jumps. No more jumps."

McCormack and Laakonen re fused to discuss the issue and there was no indication from the Finnish delegation that Nykanen would re-turn to North America for the World Cup stop next weekend in Lake Placid, New York.

SIDELINES SCOREBOARD

Ueberroth's View

ATLANTA (AP) — Commissioner Peter Ueberroth, in his final "State of the Game" address, said Monday that baseball still has not hired enough blacks as managers

He praised baseball for cleaning up its drug problem since the Pittsburgh cocaine scandal of 1985. But because only one black - Baltimore Orioles manager Frank Robinson - has been among the 39 general managers and managers hired since 1986, Ueberroth said, "We have room to still be critical and, in some areas, very critical."

Kussian Courted

LONDON (AFP) - Sergei Baltacha, a Dynamo Kiev defender, could become the first Soviet to play in English League soccer. He was the main target of Ipswich team officials, John Duncan and David Sheepshank, when they flew to the Soviet Union Monday to sign a top player.

NBC-Cable Deal

NEW YORK (AP) - NBC has worked out an agreement with Cablevision to share costs and TV time for the 1992 Barcelona Summer Olympics, for the first time bringing part of the Games to cable TV, a report in Multichannel News

NBC plans to lay off as much as \$75 million of the \$401 million total payment for the '92 Games. At least some of that cost will be assumed by Cablevision, which will show part of the Games on its SportsChannel affiliates.

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Florence Griffith Joyner, the U.S. sprinter who set two world records and won three Olympic

Indiana goalkeeper Matt Olsen felt the pressure when he was called on to replace starter Juergen Sommer in the U.S. major-college soccer championship Sunday. Olson came in when Sommer broke his nose with 27:15 to play as Indiana beat Howard University 1-0. (AP)

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Olympics May Consider Dropping Weight Lifting in Anti-Drug Move

By Michael Janofsky New York Times Service

VIENNA - The next Olympic Games quadrennium does not begin before the last is reviewed, so the International Olympic Committee came to the cheer and charm of Vienna this week for meetings that could mean another hard look another action could take form, at the most critical issue facing the one aimed directly at weight lifting.
Olympic movement, drug-taking Richard Pound of Canada and As recently as this week, more

damning news focused attention on the problem: the president of the Polish Weightlifting Association. Polish Weightlifting Association against the International Weight-Vanusz Przedpelski, revealed that in lifting Federation if the use contina survey of 25 Polish weight lifters, 123 had admitted using strength drugs such as anabolic steroids in

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In Seoul, five of the 10 athletes disqualified for using banned drugs were weight lifters. Two of them son of the sport, the federation were gold medal winners from Bul
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In the 1OC executive board session, Wednesday and Thursday, Richard Pound of Canada, an

10C vice president, is expected to propose that a commission be created to examine drug use in the sport and recommend sanctions

liminary agreement signed in Moscow by Olympic officials from the United States and the Soviet Union "Olympic holiday"—dropping the sport at least through the Barcelopropose such a harsh measure.

eral secretary in Budapest, who

na Games — might persuade the weight lifting federation to address the problems of drug use. Officials of the federation expressed shock that a senior IOC executive would

Ten days after the closing ceremony in South Korea, Pound reccived a message from Tamas Ajan, the weightlifting federation's genstressed that the organization had worked hard to comhat the use of performance-enhancing drugs and was willing to do more.

For the Record

Heavy rain canceled the men's World Cup downhill skiing Monday at Val D'Isere, France. The race was not rescheduled. (AP)

gold medals and one silver medal in Seoul, has won the Jesse Owens Memorial Award as the outstanding U.S. track and field athlete for

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The Christmas Buy-Out

WASHINGTON — Scrooge & cause we needed the cash to buy Marley, the Wall Street investment bankers, have just an "Where are you going to get the nounced that they plan to make a money to pay for Christmas?" serious attempt to take over the someone else asked. Christmas Holiday for \$100 billion This could be the largest un-

friendly buy-out in history," Scrooge cackled at a press conferoffering \$10 a share to every man, woman and child who has an interest in Christmas, provided they sell

by Dec. 25. Since we have almost total control of the stock right now,

Buchwald it makes no sense for anyone to hold out and refuse our offer."

Scrooge said that he had been secretly buying up Christmas stock for more than a year because he felt it was grossly undervalued.

Its parts are worth far more than the whole. What we intend to do is spin off the unprofitable enterprises such as the egg-nog division and the reindeer transportation company, and hold on to the big money-makers which are Christmas cards and fake snow-

"How about Christmas mail-order catalogues?"

"We're going to keep them, but we may dump the Christmas tree business because it has such a low profit potential. If we make this deal, we're going to be up to our ears in debt and so every dollar

"But without trees you won't have a market for Christmas decorations," a reporter pointed out. That's probably true, but we were planning to get rid of the decoration business anyway be-

La Scala Strike Called Off

MILAN - Ballet dancers and chorus singers have called off a strike that jeopardized the opening this week of the new season at Milan's La Scala opera house, the management said. The strike over pay and conditions disrupted re-hearsals for Rossini's "Willian Tell," but the performance will be given on Wednesday as scheduled.

"Where are you going to get the

"Bob Cratchit, my accountant, has advised me to issue junk bonds. We'll offer the bonds to the public at 20 percent interest, which is junkier than Drexel Burnham. If we can't dispose of enough of those we will sell off the world rights to San-

ta Claus." "Santa Claus is sacred. You can't unload the rights to him and still call yourself a Christmas Compa-

Scrooge said, "Bah, people can do anything they want in an un-friendly takeover. Cratchit has discovered that the old Christmas management tolerated unbelievable waste in their operations. They even gave free shopping mail space to high school choirs who wanted to sing 'lingle Bells.' Believe me, if Scrooge & Marley succeed in this buy-out, we're going to run a lean and tough holiday ship." "But," said a reporter, "Christ-

mas excess is essential to a happy holiday season." "If it's so essential, then we

ought to make people pay for it. Spreading Christmas cheer doesn't

"Sir, why did you decide on an unfriendly takeover rather than a friendly one?"

"Because the Scrooge & Marley company never gets involved in friendly bids. When we made noises about our plans, the present Christmas Board of Directors told us to butt out. So we decided to go for it on our own. At the beginning we never thought Christmas was much of an investment. But then we realized that everyone on Wall Street would treat us with new respect when they saw how much debt we were in."

"Do you believe the present Christmas stockholders will go for

your bid?" Of course. Christmas has been a losing proposition for most people and Scrooge & Marley are offering them a way to bail out."

"Suppose present management says that Christmas is not for sale." "My answer to them is, 'Humbug.' Somebody is going to acquire the holiday sooner or later, and better Scrooge & Marley than the people who bombed Pearl Har-bor,"

Fact and Fiction in 'Mississippi Burning'

By Wayne King

IT was a hot Sunday afternoon in June of 1964 when three young civil-rights workers, Michael Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James Chaney, were arrested on a trumped-up speeding charge outside Philadelphia, Mis-

sissippi.
They were held for eight hours, then released. By prearrange-ment, they were again stopped on a lonely road by the same No-shoba County deputy sheriff who had arrested them earlier, this time accompanied by a party of Ku Klux Klansmen. They were murdered, transported to an carthen dam several miles away, and buried with a bulldozer.

More than 150 FBI agents descended on Neshoba County to investigate the disappearance of the civil-rights workers, two of them, Goodman and Schwerner, whites from New York, and the third, Chaney, a black who fived in Neshoba County.

It was 44 days before the investigators penetrated the racist veil of silence that enveloped the case, and found the bodies. Goodman, borribly, had a ball of the clay in which he was buried squeezed in his hand, indicating that he had not been dead when the buildozer sealed him into the grave.

Another three years passed before some of those responsible, Neshoba County Deputy Sheriff Cecil Price and six others, including the Klan Imperial Wizard, Sam Bowers, were convicted of civil-rights violations and given prison terms of up to 10 years. None served more than five. There is no federal murder statute covering such crimes, and no state overlaid on a burning church, the charges against the men were brought in Mississippi, despite evidence at the federal trial.

facts" as some put it in these days of relative reality -on which the British director Alan Parker's film, "Mississippi Burning," is based. It stars Gene Hackman as the sberiff-turned-FBI-agent, whose violent tactics ultimately break the case when orthodox methods fail, and Willem Dafoe as the by-the-book Justice Department official who grudgingly acquiesces to Hackman's tactics.

The facts are shocking to the sensibilities and the emotions, the black section of a restaurant



A scene from the film by Alan Parker, who says it is "essentially a work of fiction" about the murder of timee civil-rights workers.

and their depiction by Parker, known for "Angel Heart" and "Midnight Express," leaves little to the imagination. But he does not shrink from inventing dramatic embellishments.

"I'm trying to reach an entire neration who knows nothing of that historical event," Parker said in a telephone interview, "to cause them to react to it viscerally, emotionally, because of the racism that's around them now. And that's enough of a reason, a justification, for the fictionaliz-The film's opening credits are

scene moving to the back road where the murder of the three ridence at the federal trial.

Those are the facts—the "true alism. The names of the victims are never mentioned, and other names and details are changed, but the killing is close to the reality that is revealed in court records and FBI documents. To those familiar with that

place and time, the brutal intimidation of the black people of Neshoba County, also historic reality although compressed in time, is evocative. When Dafoe, as a dedicated but inept investigator, makes a public point of sitting in

and talking to a young black man, the black is later beaten by for the purposes of making a movie, not the least of them the legal difficulties involved in portraying Klansmen. Whether the event happened is moot; such beatings numerous lives, many unsympa-thetically. But in this case, fiction occurred. Churches and homes enables Parker to have his factual are torched in the film, and that is the way it happened. From June cake, so to speak, while spooning of 1964 to January of '65, KKK it out richly slathered with ficnightriders burned 31 black tional icing. churches across Mississippi ac-

cording to FBI records. So, Parker does not exaggerate. But onto the basic framework of fact, the screenwriter Chris Gerolmo and Parker graft considcrable artistic fabrication, chiefly concerning the FBI's investigation, and say it is essentially a work of fiction."

Yet, the power of "Mississippi Burning" derives from the audi-ence's knowledge that the essential horror on screen happened. Even the title of the movie is the FBI code name for the investigation. Many details are drawn

"You didn't leave me nothin' but a nigger," says James Chan-ey's killer in the film. "But at least I killed me a nigger." That piece of dialogue comes directly from FBI files, the confession of one of

There are any number of reasons for turning fact into fiction men belonged to the Klan, cov- nary force just how bad it was.

Those reporters, including my-self, who did cover the South in

Although the filming was spread over several locations, Parker evokes the texture, the gritty, fly-specked Southeraness, the brooding sense of small-town menace, the racial hatred, with considerable accuracy. Even much of the violence is perhaps defensible because it is central to the reality. But there also seems to be violence for the sake of it, and Hackman's portrayal of an FBI

man beggars Clint Eastwood. Parker and Gerolmo defend the fiction on the ground that there none ever proven — of FBI excesses, but more importantly on the ground that it makes the story more emotionally affecting.

But the reality itself is powerful. Those who never ventured into the rural South in the 1960s might find much of it hard to sissippi Burning" serves to re-believe — that back-country law-mind Americans with extraordi-

ered up killings and beatings, and were proud to tell you that NAACP stood for "niggers, apes, alligators, coons and possums," as the formula hard possums," as the fictional sheriff tells reporters in "Mississippi Burning."

those days heard that sort of thing, and worse, virtually every day, scarcely a week went by without a burning cross somewhere. It was a time when more than one Mississippi judge was said to wear a black robe by day and a white one by night, and while it might be an exaggeration to suggest that most white Mississippians supported the Klan, it is fair to say that few of them had the tementy to speak against it.

Those interested in the Schwerner-Goodman-Chaney murders will find the details in a powerful and meticulously researched recent non-fiction book by Seth Cagin and Philip Dray, titled "We Are Not Afraid," published by Macmillan.

That was the way it was in Mississippi in those days, and painful as it is to relive it, "Mis-

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Ailey, Burns Among 5 Given Kennedy Awards

The worlds of entertainment and \$ politics merged Sunday night as five persons were saluted at the annual awards program of the Kennedy Center in Washington, after being received by President Rosald Reagan at the White House, Honored were Roger L. Stevens, the guiding force behind the establishment of the Kennedy Center; Alvin Alley, the choreographer, George Burns, the comedian; Myrna Loy, the actress; and Alexander Schneider, the violinist

The late Sir Frederick Ashton, the founder-choreographer of Britain's Royal Ballet, remembered dancers and friends in his £1.2 milbion (\$2.2 million) will. The bulk of the estate went to Ashton's nephew, Anthony Russell-Roberts, the company's administrative director who works with Authory Dowell, current director of the Royal Bal-let, who also was named, along with Dame Margot Fonteyn, the Royal Ballet School, the former dance teacher Michael Somes and the dancer Alexander Grant.

Lorin Mazzel Sunday conducted the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, the Philharmonia and the London Symphony Orchestra through all nine Beethoven symphonies, at London's Festival Hall, in a 12hour-45-minute marathon to raise money for deaf children.

On People magazine's bestdressed list for the year are Kevin Costner, Joan Collins, Prince Wil-Kam, Mary Tyler Moore, Barbara Streisand, Corbin Bernsen and Audrey Hepburn. People gave worst-dressed citations to George Bush. Elton John, Diana, the Princess of Wales, Florence Griffith Joyner, Lauren Hutton, Madouma, Cybill Shepherd, Raquel Welch and Andre

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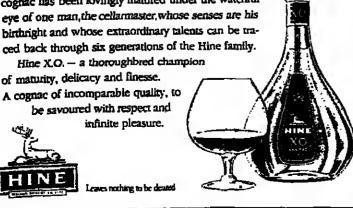
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